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Mansfield, Louisiana

MARCH 17-21, 1919.



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Society



Louisiana Conference

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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HELD AT

FIRST CHURCH, MANSFIELD, LA.,

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The Next Session will be Held at
LAKE CHARLES IN 1920.

SUPPLIES.

Boxes—What to send..... } Mrs. H. L. Baker,
Report to } Plattenville, La.

Districts—

Where to Send?

Shreveport.....	{	St. Mark's Hall,
New Orleans		Miss Helen Gibson,
Baton Rouge		908 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, La.
Monroe	{	Mary Werlein Mission,
Alexandria		1026 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, La.
		Scarritt Bible and Training School, Miss Maria Gibson, Norledge and Askew Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Ruston	{	Houma Mission,
Lafayette		Miss Ella K. Hooper, Houma, La.

GOAL FOR 1919

“Rally the Membership Year”

15 Per Cent Minimum Increase in Collections

EACH SOCIETY QUALIFYING 100 PER CENT ON

- (a) Organization and membership.
- (b) Intelligence regarding work.
- (c) Spiritual life.
- (d) Finances.

\$9,575

OUR CONFERENCE PLEDGE FOR 1919.

\$8,000 UNDIRECTED PLEDGE.

\$1,575 DIRECTED * PLEDGE.

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	Undirected.	Directed*	Total
Alexandria District	\$ 810.00	\$ 430.00	\$1,240.00
Baton Rouge District	410.00	75.00	485.00
Lafayette District	1,000.00	40.00	1,040.00
Monroe District	750.00	.....	750.00
New Orleans District	1,080.00	320.00	1,400.00
Ruston District	950.00	40.00	990.00
Shreveport District	3,000.00	670.00	3,670.00
	\$8,000.00	\$1,575.00	\$9,575.00

* Directed to—

DAY SCHOOLS, BIBLE WOMEN, SCHOLARSHIPS.

FOREWORD.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Louisiana Conference was held in the M. E. Church, Mansfield, March 17-20.

Visitors and delegates to the Conference were cordially welcomed by Mrs. S. A. Steel, which was responded to by our President, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall.

Rev. C. D. Atkinson, Presiding Elder of Shreveport District, led the opening devotional services, followed by communion administered by Dr. S. A. Steel, pastor.

Mrs. John Parker, President of the City Mission Board, New Orleans, followed with a most inspiring address upon conditions in New Orleans, and the outlook for the work in the future in that city. Mrs. Parker endeared herself to all hearts, not only by her address on Monday evening, but by her helpful and inspiring words throughout the Conference.

The earnest words from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Home Base Secretary, Woman's Missionary Council, Nashville, Tenn., as she directed our thoughts in the quiet half-hour talks, will not soon be forgotten. As also Dr. Hattie Love, returned missionary from China, whose addresses were interesting and instructive.

All officers' reports showed a decided increase, financially and otherwise, over that of last year, and the outlook for the coming year is full of hope for the accomplishment of greater things in the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the earth.

Other visitors who contributed largely to the success of the Conference were Deaconess Helen Gibson, Head Resident, St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans; Deaconess Ella Hooper, Head Resident, French Mission, Houma, La.; Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Editor Woman's Page, New Orleans Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La.; and Rev. N. E. Joyner, Centenary Secretary, New Orleans, La.

The hospitality and many courtesies extended the delegates and visitors by the people of Mansfield will ever be held in grateful memory by all who were privileged to attend this Ninth Annual Conference.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS ENROLLED AT ANNUAL MEETING, 1918.

Guests of Honor.

- Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Home Base Secretary,
Woman's Missionary Council, Nashville, Tenn.
Dr. Hattie Love,.....Missionary to China
Rev. N. E. Joyner...Centenary Secretary, New Orleans, La.
Deaconess Helen Gibson,
Head Resident, St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Miss Ella Hooper,
Head Resident French Mission, Houma, La.
Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Editor Woman's Page,
New Orleans Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La.
Mrs. John B. Parker, President City Mission Board,
New Orleans, La.

Conference Officers.

- Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans...President
Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Natchitoches,
First Vice President
Mrs. R. H. Harper, New Orleans....Second Vice President
Mrs. A. P. Holt, Crowley.....Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Ruston,
Superintendent of Study and Publicity
Mrs. H. L. Baker, Plattenville,
Superintendent of Supplies

District Secretaries.

- Baton Rouge District—Mrs. C. S. Stewart.....Amite, La.
Lafayette District—Mrs. C. E. Fike.....Rayne, La.
Ruston District—Mrs. J. R. Miller.....Minden, La.
Shreveport District—Mrs. Elma Drew.....Mansfield, La.
Visiting Pastors—Revs. C. D. Atkinson, Alonzo Early,
N. E. Joyner, Wm. Schuhle, S. A. Steele.
Alexandria District—Alexandria: Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs.
Briscoe Carter, Mrs. Tom Owen. Bunkie: Mrs. B. S. Randel.
DeRidder: Mrs. Paul M. Brown, Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mrs.
Robert Jones. Houma: Deaconess Ella Keener Hooper.
Jena: Mrs. T. J. Drewett. Natchitoches: Mrs. W. T. Cun-

ningham, Mrs. A. M. Hopper. Oakdale: Miss Ruth Bryan, Miss Mabel Butcher, Miss Mildred Scott, Miss Pauline Swan.

Baton Rouge District—Amite: Mrs. C. S. Stewart, Mrs. B. W. June, Mrs. Alonzo Early. Baton Rouge: Mrs. R. E. Stearns, Miss Nell Richardson.

Lafayette District—Crowley: Mrs. B. D. Wilder. Lake Charles: Mrs. S. A. Mayo, Miss Tina Ruser. Lafayette: Mrs. H. W. Bowman.

Monroe District—Monroe: Mrs. J. T. Bryant, Mrs. A. S. Lutz.

New Orleans District—New Orleans: Mrs. R. H. Harper, Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Mrs. John B. Parker, Deaconess Helen Gibson, Rev. N. E. Joyner. Slidell: Mrs. G. O. Salassi.

Ruston District—Haughton: Mrs. S. J. Harrell, Mrs. R. G. Wafer. Haynesville: Mrs. J. E. Adams. Minden: Mrs. Thos. W. Fuller, Mrs. Joe R. Miller. Ruston: Mrs. W. Floyd Pearce, Mrs. S. L. White, Miss Katherine Irby, Mrs. R. H. Wynn.

Shreveport District—Grand Cane: Mrs. T. F. Sledge, Rev. H. W. Ledbetter, Mrs. W. S. Phillips, Mrs. Thos. R. Patrick, Mrs. M. A. Shawer, Mrs. H. P. Dowling, Mrs. J. C. Dickson, Mrs. A. H. Hicks. Greenwood: Mrs. S. G. Alexander. Logansport: Rev. Wm. Schuhle, Mrs. Wm. Schuhle, Mrs. P. G. R. Bell, Mrs. H. L. Garland, Mrs. O. E. Price, Mrs. J. M. Hood, Mrs. Price Calhoun, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. W. H. Price, Mrs. F. Hayes, Mrs. R. M. Swindell, Miss Esther Garrett. Leesville: Mrs. W. W. Thompson. Keithville: Mrs. J. D. Woolworth, Mrs. E. G. Howard, Mrs. P. P. Keith, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Keith, Mrs. J. W. Miller. Longstreet: Mrs. D. B. Pullen, Mrs. E. G. Johnson, Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Mrs. J. Graves. Many: Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Williams. Neame: Mrs. Sam Knight. Naborton: Mrs. Geo. Pollock, Mrs. John M. Warren. Pleasant Hill: Mrs. S. V. Jordan, Mrs. P. O. Lowrey, Mrs. Q. L. Armstrong. Plattenville: Mrs. H. L. Baker. Pelican: Mrs. F. N. Breazeale. Shreveport: Mrs. A. W. German, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs. C. T. Hitchings, Mrs. B. C. English, Mrs. H. H. Dugan, Mrs. J. P. Honaker,

Mrs. S. Allen Honaker, Frances I. Page, Mrs. Della C. Gahagan, Monola May Dowell, Geraldine Harper, Margery Hughes, Amelia Foster, Mrs. J. C. Foster, Mrs. A. J. Peavy, Mrs. C. D. Dickson, Mrs. C. W. Page. Vivian: Mrs. Olivia Browning, Mrs. H. B. Wren.

Visitors—La Feria, Tex., Mrs. Byarus; Haslan, Tex., Mrs. C. L. Brooks; Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. Chas. M. Connor, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Mrs. J. C. Brown.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING.

September 20, 1918.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society was called for Friday, September 10, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.

There were present Mrs. Niebergall, President; Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Holt, and Mrs. Holmes.

After a reading from the Scripture and prayer, Mrs. Holmes was appointed secretary pro tem.

The Centenary Movement was brought before the meeting, Mrs. Niebergall and Mrs. Holt being directly from the Conference at Dallas. After full discussion it was decided that we as an Executive Committee go on record as heartily endorsing the Centenary plan, using every effort to carry out the plan as outlined by the Centenary Committee throughout the Conference, district and local churches; and that we follow the suggestions of Mrs. Hargrove in planning our program for the Annual meeting, setting aside the afternoon and evening of the second day for the presentation of the Centenary Movement.

The matter of laity rights was presented by Mrs. Holt, and was discussed. It was recommended that this Conference do all we can to favor the movement. The motion was made and carried that this committee memorialize the Annual Conference to affirm the measure of the General Conference granting laity rights to the women of the church.

The Conference Treasurer was instructed to send out a

letter directly after the close of the third quarter, giving a statement about finances at that time, beginning the "drive" for Harvest Day.

The resignation of Mrs. E. R. Kennedy as superintendent of Social Service was accepted, and the Secretary was directed to express to Mrs. Kennedy the Committee's regret.

Mrs. W. W. Holmes of New Orleans was chosen to succeed Mrs. Kennedy.

As Secretary of New Orleans District, Mrs. I. N. Niebergall tendered her resignation, which was accepted with regret. The President was given full authority to act for the Executive Committee in securing some one for the place.

Motion prevailed to postpone action on Mrs. Sexton's resignation until a later meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to ascertain if the date set by previous action for our annual meeting be agreeable to the Mansfield Church, and to the Council.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. J. HOLMES, Secretary pro tem.

Mrs. C. F. NIEBERGALL, President.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING.

An executive meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society was held in First Church, Mansfield, Tuesday morning, March 18, 1919, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, President, in the chair. After prayer, business was taken up.

It was recommended that in editing the Minutes the sections, "Special as named by Council for Young People and Children," and "Specials supported by Louisiana Conference," be placed near the front of the Minutes.

That the order of Council and Conference officers be reversed on front cover.

That 30 pads of letter-heads with corresponding amount of envelopes be ordered for use of Conference Officers.

That 700 copies of Minutes be printed.

That the paragraph "By Whom" on page 3 of Minutes be referred to Committee on Supplies for change.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

PROGRAMME.

Opening Session, Monday, March 17.

2:00 p. m. Executive Meeting.

Opening Session—Monday Evening.

7:30 p. m. Devotional—C. D. Atkinson,

Presiding Elder, Shreveport District
Communion.....Dr. S. A. Steele, Pastor
Address of Welcome.....Mrs. S. A. Steele
Response.....Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, President
"The Melting Pot," Mrs. John Parker,
President City Mission Board, New Orleans
Benediction.

Tuesday Morning.

9:15 Devotional.....Miss Ella Hooper

9:30 Organization. Roll Call of Officers.

Standing Rules. Ad Interim Minutes

9:45 President's Message.

10:00 Reports of Officers—

First Vice President.....Mrs. W. T. Cunningham

Second Vice President.....Mrs. R. H. Harper

Treasurer.....Mrs. J. J. Holmes

Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. A. P. Holt

10:40 Reports of Superintendents—

Superintendent of Study and Publicity,

Mrs. R. H. Wynn

Superintendent of Social Service..Mrs. W. W. Holmes

Superintendent of Supplies Mrs. H. L. Baker

11:10 Report St. Mark's Hall.

11:20 Appointment of Session Committees.

Courtesies.

Announcements.

11:30 Quiet Half Hour—"Intercession,"

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb

Luncheon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 1:15 District Secretaries, Conference with District Delegates (Auxiliary Pledges.)
1:30 Committee Meetings.
2:00 Devotional Mrs. C. F. Niebergall
2:15 Reports of District Secretaries—
 Alexandria District
 Baton Rouge District..... Mrs. C. S. Stewart
 Lafayette District Mrs. C. E. Fike
 Monroe District
 New Orleans District Mrs. R. H. Harper
 Ruston District Mrs. Jos. Miller
 Shreveport District Mrs. Elma Drew
2:45 New Record Books..... Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb
3:15 Our Printed Page, and How to Use It,
 Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Editor Woman's Page,
 New Orleans Christian Advocate
3:40 Reception—Mansfield College.
4:00 Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening.

Young People's Night,
Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, First Vice President,
Presiding.

- 7:30 Devotional.
 Pageant..... Y. P. M. S. Mansfield
 Presentation of the A. W. Baird Cup.
8:30 Address..... Dr. Hattie Love, China
 Benediction.

CENTENARY DAY.

Wednesday Morning.

- 9:15 Devotional.
9:30 Minutes of Previous Session.
9:40 French Mission Field..... Miss Ella Hooper
10:10 Pledges for 1919.
10:40 What Readest Thou?
 Bible and Mission Study.
 Centenary Books.
 Missionary Voice.
 Mission Study Class Demonstration,
 Led by Mrs. R. H. Harper

- 11:15 Announcements. Courtesies.
 11:30 Quiet Half Hour—"Stewardship"
 Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1:30 Committee Meetings.
 2:00 Devotional Mrs. C. E. Fike
 2:15 What the Centenary Will Mean to the Home Field,
 Miss Helen Gibson
 2:30 What the Centenary Will Mean to the Foreign Field,
 Dr. Hattie Love
 3:00 Woman and the Centenary.... Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb
 3:30 Centenary Round Table.
 Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening.

Children's Night Hour.

Mrs. R. H. Harper, Second Vice President,
 Presiding.

- 7:30 Devotional..... Ruth Bryan, Oakdale, La.
 Pageant, "A Message from the Fairy of Beautiful
 Tidings," Mansfield Children
 Presentation of Blue Ribbon and Gold Seal.
 Presentation of Willie Louise Gahagan Cup.
 8:30 Stereopticon Lectures—"Centenary,"
 Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb

Thursday Morning.

- 9:15 Devotional..... Mrs. Ben Johnson
 9:30 Minutes of Previous Session.
 9:35 Appointment of District Secretaries for 1919.
 9:45 Election of Officers.
 10:10 Next Place of Meeting.
 10:30 Committee Reports.
 11:00 Carrying Out the New Plans in the Children's Work,
 Mrs. R. H. Harper
 11:25 Announcements. Courtesies.
 11:30 Quiet Half Hour—"Life Enlistment,"
 Dr. Hattie Love

Luncheon.

Thursday Afternoon.

- 1:30 District Secretaries with District Delegation,
"Reaching Our Goal for 1919"
2:00 Memorial Service Mrs. T. H. Morris
2:15 Committee Reports.
3:00 "Young People and Missions"—
"What Will You Do to Interest Your Young
People in Missions?" Mrs. W. T. Cunningham
4:00 Adjournment.
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TUESDAY MORNING.

The first business meeting of the Ninth Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference Women's Missionary Society convened in the Methodist Church at Mansfield at 9:30 a.m., with Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, President, in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Miss Ella Hooper, Head Resident, French Mission, Houma, La., who chose for her subject the "Second Coming of Christ," and in her remarks showed that the greatest and most important fact of to-day is that Jesus is appearing before the throne of God making intercession for us, and to those who look for Him will he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Prayer was offered by Rev. N. E. Joyner, our Centenary Secretary.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Bobbitt, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Early was elected Secretary pro tem.

The President's message brought out the fact that undoubtedly the greatest growth of the year had been along spiritual lines, but also emphasized the need for more definite appeal for volunteers in the mission fields of the world.

Minutes of Executive meeting were then read by Mrs. R. H. Wynn, which were approved.

The roll call of officers showed an attendance of 10.

Mrs. W. W. Holmes, Superintendent of Social Service, being absent on account of illness, it was agreed that a message of love and sympathy be sent to her.

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, also being unable to attend, the

Secretary was instructed to write, expressing our appreciation of her more than 20 years of faithful service.

Report of the First Vice President, Mrs. Cunningham, showed 112 adult societies and only 26 Young Peoples'.

Report of Second Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Harper, was given, in which she pointed out the great opportunities we have in working with the children.

Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer, being absent on account of illness, Mrs. Miller, of Minden, gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

Total amount raised during the year, \$14,965.60, which, with the balance on hand, makes \$15,636.88. Disbursements amounted to \$14,458.44, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,178.44. Every district paid the pledge in full. It has also been the best year spiritually. The Week of Prayer offering was the largest ever received, in spite of the epidemic which prevented many auxiliaries from observing same.

It was agreed to send Mrs. Holmes a message of love and sympathy, also thanking her for her most excellent report.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Holt, was then received, showing a gain in membership of 220, it being the best year's work from every point of view. The President asked that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Holt, with the resolve that we give her our earnest support during the coming year, and as a pledge the Conference rose and sang most heartily, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. R. H. Wynn, gave her report, speaking of her great pleasure in the work.

Superintendents of Mission Study present were asked to stand, and four ladies responded.

Officers will never again fail to send in reports, as Mrs. Cunningham impressed the necessity of this by teaching us the song entitled "Report."

The Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. W. W. Holmes, being unable to attend, her report was read by Mrs. Holt. A paper by Mrs. Miller, entitled "Gasoline Lizzie,"

bringing to our attention the great need of a Ford in the French District, was read by the Secretary.

The Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. H. L. Baker, gave an excellent report of work done; every appeal having been met with prompt and cheerful response, the value of donations being \$1,147.80.

A letter from Miss Pauline Randle, Missionary in Korea, was presented by Mrs. Niebergall. Miss Randle, being in need of a typewriter, a committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. Nable, and Mrs. Schuhle.

A report of the year's work of the New Orleans City Mission Board was then read by Mrs. J. B. Parker, President of the Board. A larger work is expected to be begun in the near future in New Orleans, with a Board of City Missions composed of both men and women. Supplies for the clinics were specially asked for and layettes and supplies for linen closet at St. Mark's. Vivian Auxiliary was entitled to special thanks for her generous donations to this work during the past year. The report also showed that the Council, through the Board of City Missions, was putting \$70 a month in the work at Mary Werlein Mission, where a good work is being carried on by the faithful deaconess, Miss A. Graham.

Deaconess Ella Hooper, in reporting the organization of a Missionary Society at Bayou Blue during the year, also stated that the women of this French Mission Field had made a free-will offering of \$50.

Session Committees were then appointed as follows:

Mission Study—Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Chairman; Mrs. T. H. Morris, Mrs. A. W. Gorman, Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. R. E. Stearns, Mrs. J. T. Bryant, Mrs. H. H. Dugan, Mrs. J. P. Honaker, Mrs. G. Harper, Mrs. W. F. Pearce, Mrs. J. I. Adams, Mrs. O. P. Gahagan.

Periodicals—Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Chairman; Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Dean.

Finance—Mrs. C. B. Carter, Chairman; Mrs. H. B. Wren, Mrs. H. M. Bowman.

Home Base—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Chairman; Mrs. C. E. Fike, Mrs. H. L. Hutchings, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Schuhle, Mrs. S. J. Harrell, Mrs. S. L. White, Mrs. G. R.

Wafer, Mrs. Seaman Mayo, Mrs. J. C. Foster, Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Mrs. Joe Miller, Mrs. Elma Drew, Mrs. June.

Committee on Home Institutions—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Chairman; Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. John Pharr.

Young People's—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Chairman; Miss Nell Richardson, Mrs. G. O. Salassi, Mrs. W. W. Thompson, Miss Katherine Irby, Miss Monola Dowell, Miss Frances Page.

Children's Committee—Mrs. R. H. Harper, Chairman; Mrs. Carl Harmon, Mrs. Dave Wilder, Mrs. A. J. Peavy, Mrs. J. D. Woolworth.

Social Service—Mrs. John Parker, Chairman; Miss Ella Hooper, Mrs. Sam Knight, Mrs. C. D. Atkinson, Miss Tena Riser, Mrs. Geo. Pollock.

Committee on Supplies—Mrs. H. L. Baker, Chairman; Miss Helen Gibson, Mrs. Olivia Browning, Mrs. A. M. Hopper.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Bashie English, Chairman; Mrs. Tom Owen, Miss Nell Richardson.

Rev. Alonzo Early, Sunday School Field Secretary, was presented to the Conference, after which the meeting was closed with the benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon meeting was opened by the singing of hymn 350, "O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end," and prayer by Mrs. Niebergall.

Reports of District Secretaries from the following districts were then read and accepted:

Alexandria District—Mrs. Winstead being absent, report was read by Mrs. Hopper.

Baton Rouge District—Mrs. C. S. Stewart.

Lafayette District—Mrs. C. E. Fike.

Monroe District—Mrs. Calhoun being absent, report was read by Mrs. Holt.

New Orleans District—Mrs. I. N. Niebergall being absent, report was read by Mrs. Harper.

Ruston District—Mrs. Miller.

Shreveport District—Mrs. Elma Drew.

Mrs. Lipscomb, Home Base Secretary, Woman's Missionary Council, Nashville, Tenn., being presented, pointed out the good features of the new Record Books, there being two in the set, costing 25 cents each. She also urged the use of a set of maps issued by the Centenary office consisting of a set of nine maps, costing 50 cents.

Mrs. Wynn announced a supply of Mission Study Books, and also urged subscriptions to the Missionary Voice, Young Christian Worker and Council Bulletin.

Mrs. Snelling then spoke on how to use the Woman's Page in the New Orleans Christian Advocate. We are not using our religious press as we should; there is not a force for evil, organized or unorganized, that is not using the printed page. The question of using a whole page was discussed. It was moved by Mrs. Holt that we ask the editor for a full page, with the understanding that we fill same regularly. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Parker, who urged that every woman should feel the responsibility, and auxiliaries should not fail to contribute articles of interest.

Quiet half-hour followed, conducted by Mrs. Lipscomb; subject: "Intercession," the passage of Scripture chosen being the incident in our Lord's life of the fruitless fig tree. Going forth in our own inefficiency leaning on the Master, all things can be accomplished. In this Centenary movement the primary thing is the building up of the spiritual life of the church, obedient to the will of God. Our great need is a deepened, strengthened prayer life to make our lives useful, and hence the great call to intercession. "When two million Methodists go upon their knees for any task, it shall be done." This is the task of the Centenary. If we fail here, we fail all along the line. The life of prayer is the life of discovery. New meaning comes to God's Word. Prayer makes life powerful, powerful to draw people to Jesus Christ. Let us make it a permanent habit of our lives, making us the power God needs. Prayer by Mrs. Lipscomb.

Announcements.

Benediction.

After adjournment, a very delightful reception was enjoyed at the College.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Tuesday evening's meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, First Vice President, who made an appeal for the organization of Young People's Societies.

Programme, Young People's Missionary Society.

1. Processional.
2. Scripture Reading.
3. Invocation, Dr. S. A. Steel.
4. Organ Solo, Belle Singleton.
5. Brazil, Margaret Pickels.
6. Duet—Emma Galliard, Mary Alice Galloway.
7. Mexico, Belle Singleton.
8. Song.
9. Reading, Adelle Mallery.
10. Song.
11. Address, Dr. Hattie Love.

The handsome loving cup donated by Mrs. A. W. Baird, of Shreveport, was presented to the society having the largest number of credits. Shreveport Young People having the greatest number, namely 111, same was presented to them by Mrs. Cunningham. Ruston followed closely with 101 credits and Mansfield with 97.

Dr. Hattie Love, who has spent some years in China, then gave an intensely interesting talk, using three Chinese shoes as the basis of her talk. The smallest shoe represents the girl bound mentally, spiritually and physically. The leather shoe, like the American shoe, represents the girl with bound feet, her mind opened a little to civilization, but with her heart still bound. The third shoe, with unbound feet represents two classes; one goes to the Government School having her mind unbound but her heart is still bound. She is learning to study, but knows nothing of Christianity; while still another type, with unbound feet, mind and heart, represents the girl of the mission schools, who has learned to know her Savior.

The meeting was then brought to a close, and the benediction pronounced by the Pastor, Dr. Steele.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Wednesday morning Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Alonzo Early. Hymn, "Where He leads me, I will follow," was sung, and after prayer a Scripture selection from the 18th chapter of Matthew was read.

The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

A few minutes were then allowed for District Secretaries to confer with representatives from the different districts in regard to their pledge for the coming year.

After the singing of a hymn, Miss Ella Hooper was presented, who showed a map of the particular territory of the French Field near Houma, there being from 65,000 to 75,000 people in this district, mostly of the Roman Catholic faith, with but three preachers, and Mrs. White and Miss Hooper representing the Methodist Church in this field.

The Pledge Hour was then conducted by Mrs. Lipscomb, who pointed out that something more than \$3 per year as dues was required, and this opportunity is afforded in the pledge. Last year's pledge was \$6,000, but \$292.86 more than this was paid, and our resolve this year is 15 per cent increase for three reasons:

First, the war is over; second, the opportunity in all the world is greater than ever before; and, third, we have more money than ever before.

After prayer for God's blessing, pledges were taken, as follows:

	Undirected.	Directed.	Total
Alexandria District	\$ 825.00	\$430.00	\$1,255.00
Baton Rouge District	410.00	75.00	485.00
Lafayette District	1,010.00	40.00	1,050.00
Monroe District	750.00	.....	750.00
New Orleans District	1,010.00	320.00	1,330.00
Ruston District	950.00	40.00	990.00
Shreveport District	3,045.00	670.00	3,715.00

Mrs. Harper then gave a demonstration of a Mission Study Class which was very suggestive to leaders and students.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing hymn 18, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine," and prayer by Rev. Mr. Lowrey.

Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Superintendent of Study and Publicity, gave a review of the Mission Study Books, "Adventures in Foreign Lands," and "Making America Safe." The importance of subscribing for the Missionary Voice and Young Christian Worker was also emphasized.

Miss Helen Gibson, of St. Mark's Hall, then spoke of what the Centenary will mean to the Home Field, one of the first mentioned being that of supplementing the inadequate salaries of some of our ministers and to fortify all the work in our Mission Fields where there are not enough ministers and other workers, notably among the Mountain Whites, the Indians and Sue Bennett School. In all these things the Centenary means "the touch of His hand on mine," and also on our minds, our hearts and pocket-books.

The question of what the Centenary will mean in the Foreign Field could hardly be answered by one who had never been in that foreign land, but one who has spent some years of faithful service in China, Dr. Hattie Love, profoundly impressed us with the unlimited opportunities and the wonderful things that may be accomplished through this great Centenary Movement. And when she told us that there were 34 missionaries and 18 nurses for 17,000,000 people and 7 doctors to nine and one-half million people we realized as she said that we have been simply playing at missions.

Dr. Joyner, whose subject was "Louisiana and the Centenary," gave his time to Dr. Love, who continued her talk, telling of the fearful conditions of the sick; 400 people dying every hour of tuberculosis alone. She also pointed out the need of Christian education for both men and women, that Christian homes may be established; otherwise we are but wasting time and money.

The quiet half-hour was then conducted by Mrs. Lipscomb, whose subject was "Consecration and Dedication of Money." She called attention to the fact that one-third of

the teachings of Jesus was about the right and wrong use of money. The use we make of money shows how much we are dedicated to Jesus Christ and how far he is Lord of our lives.

After prayer by Mrs. Lipscomb, the session was brought to a close.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At the evening meeting it was announced that as there was to be a wedding in the Methodist Church on the following day, we would accept the invitation tendered by the Baptist Church and hold our Thursday sessions in that church.

The program then given by the children was full of interest and inspiration and the manner in which each performed his or her part would have done credit to older and more experienced members of the Missionary Societies.

Mrs. Harper presented the Blue Ribbon and Gold Seal to the best society in each district as follows:

Alexandria District—Oakdale.

Baton Rouge District—Franklinton.

Lafayette District—Lafayette.

Monroe District—Columbia.

New Orleans District—St. Mark's.

Ruston District—Homer.

Shreveport District—Shreveport.

The beautiful Willie Louise Gahagan Cup was awarded to Oakdale, Jr. Society, they having 156 points to their credit, the others being as follows: First Church, Shreveport, 115; St. Mark's, 110; Homer, 99; Franklinton, 92; and Columbia, 88.

After singing hymn 411, "O Master, let me walk with Thee," Mrs. Lipscomb showed by word and picture some of the results of our work in different Mission Fields, which only reveals to us the greater things we may do.

Rev. Briscoe Carter pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Thursday morning, devotional services were conducted

by Mrs. Ben Johnson. After singing hymn 320, "He leadeth me," she selected for Scripture reading the story of the exodus of the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt—Egypt representing sin; the wanderings in the desert, life; and Canaan, the land of heavenly rest.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

A telegram of greeting was read from the Monroe Auxiliary, and Mrs. Bryant was asked to tender our thanks for this message.

Unfinished business was then taken up.

First as to periodicals, viz., Missionary Voice, Young Christian Worker, and Council Daily, a larger subscription was asked for and each delegate held responsible for at least one new subscription. The Missionary Voice is not alone a woman's paper, but the official organ for the whole Board of Missions.

Mrs. Harper made a special appeal for subscriptions to Young Christian Worker; 25 were sent to St. Mark's Hall last year and 25 to Mary Werlein Mission, and Miss Gibson told of what it meant to these children. The following subscriptions were secured: For Ruston Orphanage, 20; St. Mark's Hall, 25; Houma, 25; Mary Werlein Mission, 18.

Mrs. Lipscomb then spoke on "Woman and the Centenary," stating: "Women are in the Centenary as an integral part of the Methodist Church, and not as a Missionary Society; because we are half, if not more than half, of the membership of the Methodist Church, and we want this to be a real test of the new responsibility that women are given in the Church."

The election of officers for the coming year was then taken up resulting as follows:

President—Mrs. C. F. Niebergall.

First Vice President—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Elma Drew.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. P. Holt.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alonzo Early.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. Holmes.

Supt. of Study and Publicity—Mrs. R. H. Wynn.

Supt. of Social Service—Mrs. W. W. Holmes.

Supt. of Supplies—Mrs. H. L. Baker.

The following District Secretaries were elected by acclamation:

Alexandria District—Mrs. T. E. Brown, Oakdale, La.

Baton Rouge District—Mrs. C. S. Stewart, Amite, La.

Lafayette District—Mrs. C. E. Fike, Rayne, La.

Monroe District—Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Rayville, La.

New Orleans District—Mrs. R. H. Harper, 5830 Prytania Street, New Orleans, La.

Ruston District—Mrs. S. J. Harrell, Haughton, La.

Shreveport District—Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mansfield, La.

Conference Distributor of Literature—Mrs. S. R. Williams, Oakdale, La.

Quiet hour was then conducted by Dr. Hattie Love, who chose for her subject "Life Enlistment," taking as a text "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth; Go ye therefore," and brought out the thought that this verse applies to every follower of Jesus Christ. "We thought at one time that we had to have a special call to go to the mission field. If a person is starving, and you have your pantry full of bread, do you have to have a special call before you help that one? We have the best thing in the world, the Bread of Life, and we have starving neighbors, Mexico, Brazil, China, etc.; are we going to wait for some kind of a special call before we go and feed them? How can we go? In many ways. Prayer is one, and we want to do it with our whole heart. Pray people into the Mission Field. Let our prayer this year be that some young woman from the Louisiana Conference be led into the field."

Mrs. Lipscomb led in prayer with this thought in mind.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," prayer by Rev. Briscoe Carter, and the reading of the 14th chapter of John by Mrs. T. B. Morris, who conducted the Memorial services. After reading the names of those who had passed on into that new life during the year, a solo, "Sunset and Evening Star," was beautifully rendered by Miss Gilliam.

Mrs. Holt then told of a message received to the effect that Mrs. Moore, who had been a member of this body for two years, was at the point of death, and request had been made that prayer be offered for her. Rev. Mr. Atkinson led in prayer, which found an echo in every heart.

Election of alternates for Missionary Council at Memphis resulted in Mrs. R. H. Wynn and Mrs. Elma Drew being elected.

Invitations for the next place of meeting were received from Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, and Alexandria. After many eloquent presentations of the great attractions in these various cities, the vote was taken, resulting in Lake Charles being chosen as the next place of meeting.

The Committee on typewriter for Miss Randle, Missionary in Korea, made its report, recommending that a Corona portable typewriter be purchased for Miss Randle, the expense to be borne equally by the various districts in the Conference.

Mrs. Harper then spoke on "Carrying Out New Plans for Children's Work," and emphasized organization, and urged our help in doubling the number of organizations we now have.

The subject, "What will you do to interest your Young People in Missions," was taken up by Mrs. Cunningham, who pointed out the reason we have so few young People's Societies is due to the lack of leaders.

Mrs. French, who was at one time the head of the Sue Bennett School, was asked for a few words, and she told us a little of the work of this great school.

Dr. Hattie Love led in prayer, and the Ninth Annual meeting of the Louisiana Missionary Society was ended, but we believe the inspiration and help received will bear much fruit in the near future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The year 1918 was in many ways a most notable one. It saw the close of the great world war, ending for many of us months of pain and anxiety. It brought to us as a nation and therefore as individuals, the greatest prosperity we have ever known. It saw the death sentence passed upon John Barleycorn, and last, but not of minor importance, it brought to the women of our Church equal rights with men in the administrative affairs of the Church.

But if the year just ended was a notable one in these and many other respects, it was also a year of labor, trial and sorrow. The early part of the year was filled with endeavor to maintain the regular church organizations, and at the same time meet the additional and almost daily increasing demands which our patriotic duties imposed upon us, to which was added that other most perplexing problem—the labor situation—most difficult of solution (and, indeed, not yet solved).

When finally, on that never-to-be-forgotten morning we were awakened by the blare of trumpet and clanging of bells announcing the signing of armistice, we looked for a brighter and better day, and while this hope was in part realized, we entered into another period of trial and sorrow such as few of us have ever experienced, due to the great epidemic which spread throughout the land, bringing to almost every home long days and nights of anxiety and to very many homes a break in the family circle.

However, these unusual conditions are not recited that they shall serve as excuses for the work of the year in our Missionary Society of Louisiana; indeed the contrary is true—they give cause for rejoicing, for in spite of these conditions the year's work, as a whole, has been good and progress has been made, as will be seen from the reports which are to follow.

Formal reports cannot entirely measure the year's success, since the greatest advance has not been along financial or numerical lines, but, what is most gratifying, along the

spiritual line. While it is undoubtedly true that the war and the conditions resulting from it are in large measure responsible for the spiritual awakening that has taken place in our land (since we learned in some degree the value and power of prayer), I believe that we are already reaping the benefits of that great movement launched by our Church at just the opportune moment and based entirely upon prayer—The Missionary Centenary.

About a year ago when the program for this great movement was brought before the Church, many of us (of small faith) doubted the wisdom of any Church launching a program which entailed the raising of millions of dollars at a time when the whole world was plunged in war, and when there was not a ray of light that could lead us to hope for a near ending of the same, and while liberty loans, war drives, and various appeals for financial aid in the name of humanity met one at every turn. In view, however, of later developments and with peace coming as it were without a moment's notice, we realize that the movement was truly the result of divine leading and, as someone has said, "It was not accidental but Providential that the 100th Anniversary of American Missions fell in the year 1919, when world conditions should cry aloud for unprecedented consecration."

So, at the beginning of this new year, standing, as I believe, on the threshold of the greatest year not alone in the work of the Missionary Society, but also in the history of the entire Church, with the Spirit of God moving upon the hearts of men in a way hitherto unknown, our one great aim for the year must be to so deepen and broaden our own spiritual resources that we shall be prepared to meet the larger responsibilities that shall be thrust upon us in this new and better day. The task that lies before us is great—but not impossible. Let us not forget the lesson taught by the great war when seemingly impossible obstacles were overcome, when almost in a day an army was mobilized, trained, equipped and transported overseas. Surely if this could be done by our Government in so short a time, our great Church, backed by the immeasurable possibilities of prayer, may attain victory also.

These new conditions bring with them new responsibilities. The responsibilities immediately presenting themselves to us are both financial and spiritual. We must not forget that in the prosperity which has come to our State the women have shared, and that it must be our part to see that those who have received in abundance of His silver and gold shall give of their wealth in proportion to their ability.

Then there is another and great responsibility, and one that I own—with regret—we have almost entirely neglected in the past—the definite reaching out for young men and women as volunteers for work in Mission fields. Surely if we as women feel the responsibility for our sisters in heathen lands and are willing to give of our time and money to send the gospel to them, then we must also remember that upon us rests the responsibility of finding, with the help of God, the proper person to carry the message, and yet few of us make or have made any special effort to touch the hearts and lives of the young people in our churches and even in our own homes.

These are some of the tasks which lie before us, but we must not forget the benefits to be derived by us if we bear our share of the burden. Aside from the spiritual benefit, which we are not able to measure, there will be a great and justifiable sense of pleasure and satisfaction in our work. Such a meeting of responsibility will provide us with ample means and a sufficient number of workers so that we shall no longer need to “play” at Missions right here in our own great Missionary field of Louisiana. That great French section, now almost untouched by Protestantism, shall know the full saving power of our Lord and Savior and from the little leaven planted in the congested portion of our great City of New Orleans shall come a leaven that shall leaven the whole mass, and make of it a truly beautiful new City, with no longer the dark places of which we have ever, as Christian men and women, been heartily ashamed in the past.

In the stress and strain of the year's work let us not forget, however, that our one hope of success depends upon prayer. We are frequently so busy that we crowd out of our

lives the periods of communion with God. When so tempted I hope the following little incident will come to mind and serve to call us to our privilege and duty.

An American in France stepped one morning into a little Church to pray. All around a great battle raged. As he prayed a General, with one attendant, entered and walked quietly but quickly to the altar and there knelt in prayer. 10 minutes passed; 20 minutes; 30 and finally 40 minutes before the General arose, and glancing neither to the right nor to the left, walked out of Church. Curious to know who this General might be who spent so much time in prayer while outside the great battle raged, the American followed, heard the greetings of the little children, saw the salute of the soldiers and learned that it was General Foch, upon whose shoulders rested the fate of nations, who thought it worth while to spend time in communion with the Father even in the most critical time of battle.

Like General Foch, may we never be too busy during this busy year to pray.

That the Lord may teach us how to pray is my earnest desire for all of us in this new year of new opportunity.

MRS. C. F. NIEBERGALL.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	112; new....	6
Number of Members	2612; new....	220
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries..	27	
Number of Young People's Members....	471; new....	9
Number of Junior Divisions	55	
Number of Junior Divisions Members...	1244	
Number of Baby Divisions	31	
Number of Baby Divisions Members....	318; new....	44
Number Subscribers to Missionary Voice.....	748	
Number Subscribers to Young Christian Worker.....	378	
Number Scholarships supported	8	
Number Bible Women supported	6	
Number Day Schools supported	2	
Number Missionaries supported	3	
Number Deaconesses supported	1	
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	63	
Total amount sent Conference Treasurer.....	\$14,950.60	

Dr. Copen says that the power of the sun will be measured by a yard-stick sooner than the results of the "Haystack Meeting" by statistics. Thus we may feel about the year's work, with the prayers and unselfish labors that the women have put into it, making possible the above figures, which form our best year's work from practically every point of view. It was made, too, despite war and rain and epidemic and heartaches. What, then, shall we make of this our Centenary year of peace and opportunity? "Rainy days are days of God's opportunity." Shall we make of our difficulties veritable stepping stones to God's presence, through true intercessory prayer and consecration? It is not the tears over our own sorrow that help another. It is the smile and cheer, in spite of our heartache, that lets men know that God lives and loves, and that in His sufficiency we are lifted out of self and made to dwell with Him.

Statistics, then, have come to mean to me less of whether this or that district carried out the work outlined, less of questioning as to why we have so few missionaries, so little money and so much indifference. But there is an intense consciousness that as church members—followers of Christ—we have need of a great "overmastering moral pas-

sion for the establishment of justice, mercy and brotherhood." To-day I see the year's work only as it relates to what we, as citizens not only of American, but of the Christly Kingdom, will do with the opportunities that are ours.

A wretched character in India was touched by Christ. From a thug he became one of the great intercessors of God. The baptism he had received was one of prayer. He begged the missionary to teach him geography. Why! That he might learn the names of more places to pray for. What we need is a like passion for souls. It would not be hard to get women to meetings, to enlist them in Mission and Bible study, if they have received a baptism of prayer. No longer would we have a meager "30 classes and 719 women studying missions," nor will we have only 112 auxiliaries with less than 3000 women of Louisiana Methodism enrolled as members of Missionary societies.

Young People—What are we as adult workers doing for our young people? Have we visited their auxiliary this year? Have we helped their leader by seeing that those of our own families or friends are interested to the point of attendance because of the contagion of our interest? Have we done what we could to enlist volunteers?

A Bible reader and evangelist of the foreign land was heard crying out to God all through the night time: "O Lord Jesus, why did you not call me sooner? Here I am, with just a few years of service left. Why did you not get me when I was young that I might have given years of service to the Kingdom?"

As we believe in God and his work, we must live it before our young people. "Neither an idea nor a life is audible." Power will come to us as we give ourselves to the doing and living of God's will. Dr. Pierson says that it is not the shells poured forth in battle with the thunder of the guns of war that counts most, but the lives poured out in silence by the men. Let us see to it that there are more than 500 young people doing missionary work in more than 27 of our churches.

Junior.—While plans are being made to prevent war, it

is the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies to so educate our children in ideas of world brotherhood that another war will be impossible for them. But it will take all of the children in all of the land to do it.

German children were trained in militarism. International friendship and the peace of the future depends on, How will we train the children of to-day that they may do the work of to-morrow in a truly Christian America?

Literature.—Of the 40,000 church membership in Louisiana, one-fiftieth of that number are supplied with the literature of our missions in "The Voice" and "Young Christian Worker."

Week of Prayer—If we were prevented from holding our Week of Prayer services in the fall, it would be better to hold them now than let them go entirely. Thus we may still do honor to our worn and departed deaconesses and missionaries, and these sacred funds will be augmented.

Supporters of the Specials have found them living links, indeed. The higher cost of living in the Orient has necessitated an increased amount to support Bible women, those valuable gospel messengers. All Bible women at \$120, Scholarships at \$40, and Day Schools at \$150 and over, will be budgeted and added to the total Conference pledge this year, in making our pledge to the Council.

The French work under Miss Hooper and Mrs. White has gone forward satisfactorily. The school plan has given a place for the time being at least, to settlement work in the Bayou Blue section, which we expect to take definite form in the near future. Miss Hooper will be given the deaconess order at the coming Council meeting. Miss White has suffered the loss of her sister, who was associated with her in the Houma work. God guides them through all their ways.

The St. Mark's work is feeling the inspiration of the Centenary plans for enlargement. An increased interest throughout the Conference is very evident. You will hear more of the new City Mission Board, made up of an equal number of men and women from the various New Orleans

churches, who will outline the broader lines of work for the future.

With Miss Randle in Korea, Miss Williams in Japan, and Miss Johnson in Brazil, our Conference vision is growing and being made more vital as we take in the new fields with our prayer life.

Miss Chalmers, at Athens College, is proving herself a splendid leader, as her days of preparation for service are drawing to a close. We sorely feel the lack of a representative at Scarritt, not a volunteer there this year. May the Centenary goal for workers bring us at least one volunteer in training from each district for each of the five years.

In finances we went gloriously over the top, every district paying its pledge in full.

Monroe and New Orleans Districts made the desired minimum gain of \$200 each. Shreveport District increased by almost \$400. The other districts, save one, made a gain over last year, but in smaller amounts.

The districts having the largest gain in auxiliaries are Ruston, with five new adult and 1 Young People. Shreveport with 3 adult, 1 Young People and 3 Junior Divisions. The gain in organization and membership in the Conference is not commensurate with the financial increase.

Young People.—Seventy-eight per cent of the auxiliaries reported during the first three quarters to some Conference officer, while 80 per cent reported for the fourth quarter.

Just now the Centenary is the most important thing before us. If it is to bring the church the revivifying power that we believe is possible, we must lend ourselves wholeheartedly to every plan from the Centenary office. The Christian slacker is the one failing to get into the movement and stay in. With the broadening of our horizon from the new world conscience given us by the war, we have new standards of judging men and things, a new realization of God's power and presence, and a new sense of service and sacrifice through fellowship with others. These are all important to the Missionary program, making it seem more possible

and probable than ever before. "The man who says a thing can't be done is met by the man who is doing it." Such will be the experience of the missionary workers of the future. The very urgency of the call to unified action in the work of the Church to-day should enlist every right-thinking man and woman. On the battle-field men rose to a contempt for everything small. Many found a new life in war who had missed it in peace. But the army meant only about one one-hundredth of the nation. Have the ninety-nine one-hundredths of us who stayed at home gotten rid of our small, selfish ideas? May we not miss the new life since war has ceased! We will surely miss the heritage of changed lives and living, if we fail to translate into being the spirit of it all. Forgetting small differences, it will be a fight, a continuing battle for right and justice for all nations. "Each nation and race will contribute its own peculiar and indispensable addition to the common resources of humanity, equal in each other's sight and in God's sight, the completed "Kingdom of God."

MRS. A. P. HOLT,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1918.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.		Dues.....	Pledge	Scarritt Loan Fund.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Specials.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Auxiliaries—									
Alexandria, Adult		\$251.75	\$195.00	\$12.00	\$32.56	\$120.00	\$611.31	\$79.70	\$691.01
Alexandria, Young People		14.00	13.64	.....	.....	.....	27.64	.....	27.64
Alexandria, Junior Division		9.20	3.84	.....	2.00	.....	15.04	.....	15.04
Boyce, Junior Division		.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	.60
Bunkie, Adult		71.55	39.05	2.20	12.75	40.00	165.55	44.95	210.50
Campti, Adult		21.25	12.50	.....	3.50	.....	37.25	.....	37.25
Campti, Young People .....		.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	6.00
Campti, Junior Division		4.28	5.10	.....	.....	.....	9.38	.....	9.38
Colfax, Adult		35.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.60	.....	35.60
De Ridder, Adult		27.90	20.10	.....	.....	.....	48.00	.....	48.00
Elizabeth, Adult		3.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.25	.....	3.25
Jena, Adult		48.25	32.00	.....	2.40	.....	82.65	.....	82.65
Jena, Junior Division		2.55	12.51	.....	.50	.....	15.56	.....	15.56
Lecompte, Adult		42.00	60.00	.....	.....	150.00	252.00	53.05	305.05
Merryville, Adult		60.95	45.00	.....	5.10	.....	111.05	171.42	282.47
Natchitoches, Adult		105.50	92.25	3.25	14.30	.....	215.30	39.50	254.80
Natchitoches, Young People		2.95	15.00	.....	1.50	.....	19.45	4.25	23.70
Natchitoches, Junior Division .....		.....	8.92	.....	.....	.....	8.92	.....	8.92
Oakdale, Adult		69.25	62.40	4.10	10.10	.....	145.85	154.50	300.35
Oakdale, Junior Division		14.70	53.19	.....	6.00	.....	73.89	.....	73.89
Totals for District.....		\$785.53	\$676.50	\$21.55	\$90.71	\$310.00	\$1834.29	\$547.37	\$22431.66

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—

	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Scarritt Loan Fund.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Specials.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Amite, Adult	\$72.28	\$50.50	\$4.00	.....	.....	\$126.78	\$32.85	\$159.63
Amite, Junior	2.85	9.23	.....	.....	.....	12.08	4.23	16.31
Baton Rouge, Adult	93.25	102.98	4.00	5.40	.....	205.63	.....	205.63
Baton Rouge, Junior	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Franklinton, Adult	62.25	40.00	4.00	8.25	.....	114.50	119.55	234.05
Franklinton, Junior	6.35	10.00	.....	.....	.....	16.35	4.60	20.95
Gurley, Adult .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.00	75.00	.....	75.00
Hammond, Adult	51.55	6.00	.....	.....	.....	57.55	195.00	252.55
Jackson, Adult	25.50	11.50	.....	20.00	.....	56.00	.....	56.00
Jackson, Junior	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.25	.....	1.25
Kentwood, Adult	40.00	20.00	.....	4.00	.....	64.00	76.80	140.80
Ponchatoula, Adult	13.50	12.50	.....	.....	.....	26.00	17.50	43.50
St. Francisville	28.75	13.00	.....	.....	.....	41.75	9.00	50.75
Wilson, Adult	54.50	10.41	.....	.....	.....	64.91	.....	64.91
District Collection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.45	.....	4.45
Totals for District.....	\$451.03	\$287.12	\$12.00	\$37.65	\$75.00	\$867.25	\$459.53	\$1326.78

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—

	Dues.....	Pledge	Scarritt Loan Fund.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Specials.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Bethel, Adult	\$ 2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2.25	.....	\$ 2.25
Bourg, Adult	31.25	\$ 5.25	.....	2.50	.....	39.00	.....	39.00
Branch, Adult	22.25	25.00	.....	2.75	.....	50.00	\$30.00	80.00
Crowley, Adult	95.25	151.25	\$3.65	.....	\$40.00	290.15	.....	290.15
Crowley, Junior .....	.....	4.33	.....	.....	.....	4.33	.....	4.33
Franklinton, Adult	52.00	32.25	.....	.....	.....	84.25	174.15	258.40
Houma, Adult	33.25	10.00	.....	.....	.....	43.25	78.70	121.95
Houma, Young People .....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Houma, Junior Division	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Lafayette, Adult	99.00	110.00	.....	30.75	.....	239.75	334.71	574.46
Lafayette, Young People	8.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.70	.....	8.70
Lafayette, Junior	6.43	9.50	.....	1.11	.....	17.04	.....	17.04
Lake Arthur, Adult	47.50	30.25	.....	.....	.....	77.75	27.40	105.15
Lake Charles, Adult	95.25	50.00	.....	.....	.....	146.25	75.00	221.25
Lake Charles, Junior .....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Morgan City, Adult	40.50	17.50	.....	.....	.....	58.00	.....	58.00
Morgan City, Young People	72.15	10.25	.....	.....	.....	82.40	.....	82.40
New Iberia, Adult	37.25	25.00	.....	.....	.....	62.25	75.08	137.33
Opelousas, Adult	33.75	61.20	4.00	9.85	.....	108.80	.....	108.80
Rayne, Adult	69.00	126.30	4.00	20.00	.....	219.30	66.55	285.85
Rayne, Young People	8.30	10.50	.....	2.00	.....	20.80	.....	20.80
Sulphur, Adult	30.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	60.00	66.90	126.90
Totals for District.....	\$787.08	\$717.58	\$11.65	\$68.96	\$40.00	\$1625.27	\$928.49	\$2553.76

MONROE DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—

	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Scarritt Loan Fund.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Specials.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Buckner, Adult	\$29.75	\$60.00	.....	\$28.50	.....	\$118.25	\$118.75	\$237.00
Columbia, Adult	53.53	28.27	1.75	11.75	.....	95.30	65.20	160.50
Columbia, Junior	8.92	2.91	.....	7.00	.....	18.83	.....	18.83
Gilbert, Adult	60.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	110.00	.....	110.00
Lake Providence, Adult	27.75	25.00	4.00	.....	.....	56.75	15.00	71.75
Lake Providence, Young People.....	1.80	5.00	.....	.....	.....	6.80	.....	6.80
Lake Providence, Junior	6.50	3.60	.....	.....	.....	10.10	.....	10.10
Mangham, Adult	21.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.25	.....	21.25
Mer Rouge, Adult	50.95	31.25	5.00	16.45	.....	103.65	166.70	270.35
Monroe, Adult	163.50	186.30	.....	18.85	.....	373.65	.....	373.65
Monroe, Young People	6.90	13.90	.....	1.60	.....	22.40	.....	22.40
Monroe, Junior	3.15	5.01	.....	1.00	.....	9.16	.....	9.16
Oak Ridge, Adult	50.25	36.25	2.60	3.05	.....	92.15	52.75	144.90
Oak Ridge, Junior	13.80	22.15	.....	1.55	25.00	62.50	.....	62.50
Rayville, Adult	60.50	53.50	.....	5.75	.....	119.75	73.50	193.25
Waterproof, Adult	30.25	44.75	1.25	5.00	.....	81.25	.....	81.25
Waterproof, Young People .....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Waterproof, Junior	2.13	5.15	.....	.....	.....	7.28	.....	7.28
West Monroe, Adult	48.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	53.00	44.97	97.97
Winnsboro, Adult	96.25	75.00	.....	5.15	.....	176.40	5.00	181.40
Totals for District.....	\$740.18	\$658.04	\$14.60	\$105.65	\$25.00	\$1543.47	\$541.87	\$2085.34

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—

	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Scarritt Loan Fund.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Specials.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Algiers, Adult	\$32.65	\$12.00	.....	\$6.70	.....	\$52.35	\$20.45	\$72.80
Algiers, Junior	5.49	6.15	.....	.....	.....	11.64	.....	11.64
Bogalusa, Adult	37.50	10.00	.....	6.75	.....	54.25	183.08	237.33
Bogalusa, Junior	2.70	2.00	.....	.....	.....	4.70	2.00	6.70
Carrollton, Adult	119.80	60.00	\$4.00	17.75	\$60.00	261.55	304.92	566.47
Epworth, Adult	24.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	34.50	.....	34.50
Felicity, Adult	50.50	41.50	.....	.....	.....	92.00	97.42	189.42
First Church, Adult	120.75	86.95	4.00	8.75	.....	220.45	.....	220.45
First Church, Young People	7.78	11.50	.....	.....	.....	19.28	.....	19.28
First Church, Junior	.90	.....	.....	3.10	.....	4.00	.....	4.00
Louisiana Avenue, Adult	42.50	15.50	.....	.....	.....	58.00	54.41	112.41
Mary Werlein, Adult	26.90	16.25	2.50	5.75	.....	51.40	.....	51.40
Parker Memorial, Adult	70.00	53.00	.....	.....	.....	123.00	118.48	241.48
Parker Memorial, Young People	7.20	3.35	.....	.....	.....	10.55	1.00	11.55
Parker Memorial, Junior	5.50	34.10	.....	6.00	.....	45.60	.....	45.60
Plattenville, Adult.....	25.50	50.00	.....	.....	.....	75.50	.....	75.50
Plattenville, Young People	4.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60	.....	4.60
Ponchatoula, Adult	4.50	2.00	.....	.....	.....	6.50	.....	6.50
Rayne Memorial, Adult	173.50	275.00	4.00	31.30	100.00	583.80	788.85	1372.65
St. Mark's, Adult	25.85	50.00	.....	5.05	.....	80.90	.....	80.90
St. Mark's, Junior	4.92	5.55	.....	1.02	.....	11.49	.....	11.49
Second Church, Adult	61.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	86.00	33.00	119.00
Second Church, Junior	5.69	7.45	.....	2.10	.....	15.24	.....	15.24
Slidell	58.75	29.65	.....	.....	.....	88.40	96.65	185.05
Totals for District.....	\$919.98	\$806.95	\$14.50	\$94.27	\$160.00	\$1995.70	\$1700.26	\$3695.96

RUSTON DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries--

	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Scarritt Loan Fund.....	Week of Prayer Offering.....	Specials.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Arcadia, Adult	\$39.00	\$48.00	.....	\$2.45	.....	\$89.45	.....	\$89.45
Bernice, Adult	18.60	7.50	.....	.....	.....	26.10	\$21.00	47.10
Cotton Valley, Adult	24.00	6.80	.....	.....	.....	30.80	.....	30.80
Doyline, Adult	27.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.00	.....	27.00
Dubach, Adult	46.25	15.00	.....	5.85	.....	67.10	.....	67.10
Haughton, Adult	55.75	58.20	.....	.....	.....	113.95	7.90	121.85
Haughton, Junior	3.05	.75	.....	.....	.....	3.80	.....	3.80
Haynesville, Adult	18.00	12.11	.....	175.00	.....	31.86	62.75	94.61
Haynesville, Junior .....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Homer, Adult	110.75	100.30	4.00	6.25	.....	221.30	205.20	426.50
Homer, Junior	15.47	18.26	.....	1.93	.....	35.66	.....	35.66
Minden, Adult	96.15	208.75	3.40	7.50	40.00	355.80	63.75	419.55
Minden, Young People	8.00	10.50	.....	3.01	.....	21.51	.....	21.51
Minden, Junior .....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
Plain Dealing, Adult	10.25	25.00	.....	.....	.....	35.25	.....	35.25
Ruston, Adult	194.75	197.85	.....	1.00	.....	393.60	21.54	415.14
Ruston Orphanage, Young People.....	14.75	21.00	.....	.....	.....	35.75	4.35	40.10
Ruston, Junior	4.65	9.36	.....	.....	.....	14.01	.....	14.01
Simmsboro, Adult	5.95	7.00	.....	.....	.....	12.95	106.00	118.95
Spring Hill, Adult	19.50	20.80	.....	.....	.....	40.30	46.80	87.10
Winnfield, Adult	33.50	15.50	.....	.....	.....	49.00	63.06	112.06
Sale of Minutes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.75	.....	.75
District Collection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	3.50
Totals for District.....	\$745.37	\$793.68	\$7.40	\$29.74	\$40.00	\$1620.44	\$602.35	\$2222.79

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Belcher, Adult	\$27.75	\$10.00			\$37.75	\$64.00	\$101.75
Bossier City, Adult	12.60				12.60		12.60
Coushatta, Adult	23.75	10.00			38.75		38.75
Coushatta, Junior		5.00			6.00		6.00
First Church, Adult	441.50	1112.50	\$4.00		1775.33	2372.53	4147.86
First Church, Adult, No. 2	63.20	30.00	10.00		288.20	6.00	294.20
First Church, Young People	59.00	65.00			129.00	163.00	292.00
First Church, Junior	8.27	30.00			149.77	9.00	158.77
Flourmay, Adult	8.25				8.25		8.25
Grand Cane, Adult	44.60	30.65	4.00		79.25	244.40	323.65
Grand Cane, Young People	2.39				2.39		2.39
Greenwood, Adult	76.80	2.50		8.00	127.30	51.00	178.30
Greenwood, Young People	7.25	5.00			12.25		12.25
Greenwood, Junior	11.20	5.00			96.20		96.20
Keithville, Adult	34.65	35.70			70.35	116.00	186.35
Leesville, Adult	68.40	34.00			102.40	18.60	121.00
Logansport, Adult	67.75	50.00		10.75	128.50	200.55	329.05
Logansport, Young People		5.00			5.00		5.00
Logansport, Junior		5.00			5.00		5.00
Longstreet, Adult	29.25	52.35		2.50	84.10		84.10
Longstreet, Junior	4.20	10.00			14.20		14.20
Mansfield, Adult	235.50	500.00	4.00	15.00	904.50	120.00	1024.50
Mansfield, oYung People	42.50	29.01		5.80	77.31	36.00	113.31
Mansfield, Junior	17.30	45.43			62.73		62.73
Many, Adult	40.55	20.00	4.00		64.55		64.55
Many, Junior	5.51	5.00		1.00	11.51		11.51
Moorginsport, Adult	20.00				20.00		20.00
Naborton, Adult	33.00	6.00			39.00		39.00
Neame, Adult	13.00	17.00			30.00		30.00
Noble, Adult	5.80				5.80		5.80
Noel Memorial, Adult	93.20	150.00		10.00	253.20	133.75	386.95
Noel Memorial, Young People	3.90	5.35			9.25		9.25
Pelican, Adult	32.35	7.50			39.85		39.85
Pleasant Hill, Adult	45.00	25.00	4.00	8.00	82.00		82.00
Stonewall, Adult	7.75				7.75		7.75
Texas Avenue, Adult	38.80	10.00			48.80	197.50	246.30
Vivian, Adult	18.25	15.00		2.15	35.40	65.00	100.40
Zwolle, Adult	39.25	20.00			59.25		59.25
Sale of Minutes					4.15		4.15
Totals for District	\$1682.47	\$2352.99	\$30.00	\$105.03	\$753.00	\$4927.64	\$8724.97

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Dues, Adult	\$4,527.93
Dues, Young People	217.74
Dues, Junior Division	154.21
Dues, Baby Division	25.35
Dues, Life Membership	60.00
Pledge, Adult	5,692.37
Pledge, Young People	240.00
Pledge, Junior Division	311.17
Pledge, Baby Division	49.32
Day Schools	300.00
Scholarships	428.00
Bible Women	480.00
Retirement Fund, Adults	188.57
Retirement Fund, Young People	9.05
Week of Prayer, Offerings, Adult	474.29
Week of Prayer Offerings, Young People	18.91
Week of Prayer Offerings, Junior Division	38.81
Scarritt Loan Fund	111.70
For French Mission at Houma, La.	60.00
Alice Cobb Bible School, Korea	75.00
Sam Hunter Scholarship	180.00
Scholarship, Refund by Miss Bew	100.00
Conference Expense Fund, Adult Auxiliaries	943.41
Conference Expense Fund, Young People	45.38
Conference Expense Fund, Collections	45.45
Sale of Minutes	4.90
Total Receipts from Conference	\$14,781.56
Sent Direct to Council Treasurer	15.00
Total Cash for Conference	\$14,796.56
Council Paid New Orleans City Mission Board	169.04
Grand Total Receipts	\$14,965.60
Balance from 1917	671.28
	\$15,636.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid—	
Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer	\$13,462.42
Conference Officers Expense Accounts	367.38
District Secretaries Expense Accounts	140.81
New Orleans Advocate for Printing Minutes	165.76
Printing Letters, Programs, etc.	29.44
R. R. Fare, Guests to Annual and District Meetings	66.14
Organizer, Mrs. Morris	42.44
New Orleans City Mission Board	169.04
	\$14,443.44
Amount Sent Direct to Council Treasurer	15.00
Total	\$14,458.44
Balance on hand	1,178.44
	\$15,636.88

LOCAL WORK REPORTED.

Supplies, and Amount Expended for Charity	\$1,994.88
Amount Expended for Parsonages	2,546.46
Amount Expended on Churches	218.43
Amount Expended for Sundry Items	1,799.10
City Missions	901.70
Value of Supplies Sent off	1,116.63
	\$8,577.20

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

Minden, La., March 10th, 1919.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

Number of Young People's Auxiliaries	26
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries Members.....	468
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	6
Week of Prayer Offering	\$ 18.91
Dues paid by Y. P. M. S.....	272.17
Pledges paid by Y. P. M. S.....	225.00

One hundred and twelve auxiliaries and only 26 Y. P. M. S.! Did you realize that when you were elected First Vice-President of your auxiliary that you then became responsible for the organization of a Y. P. M. S. in your church?

Then there are societies that failed to elect a First Vice-President. They content themselves by saying, "We have decided we cannot have a Y. P. M. S.—there are so few young people in our church, and we have so many other organizations."

This does not relieve you of your responsibility. No adult missionary society is complete without a Junior and Y. P. M. S. Some of our best societies have disbanded because there wasn't a woman in the adult auxiliary that was interested enough to lead the young people and assume the duties of First Vice President. Perhaps you have never worked with young people, and shrink from it, feeling yourself unprepared. The most perfect preparation would mean little without the power of the Holy Spirit, and if we will use the gift that he has put in our hands, looking to Him, He will

give us that wisdom, tact and understanding needed for our work. Remember always that the most needed preparation is communion with Him, tarrying in the secret place. May he give you a vision of the need, and power to meet that need. Four societies are on the honor roll this year: Ruston Orphanage, Rayne, Mansfield and First Church (Shreveport). This means that these young people and their faithful leaders have labored well in the Master's name, have set aside other engagements; have overcome indifference; have taken the trouble to inform themselves in all lines of work in the Y. P. M. S.

If you are a discouraged First Vice-President, get in touch with these young people and their leaders and learn of them.

We pledged for 1918, \$225, and paid this amount in full; surely we will enlarge our gifts this year. Our pledge this year will go to the support of the Mexican work in the home land and the work in Brazil. The young people have assumed the responsibility of raising as their share of the Council work for 1919 the sum of \$40,000. What part of this amount will our young people in Louisiana give?

Six auxiliaries observed the week of prayer—Rayne, Minden, Mansfield, First Church (Shreveport), and Natchitoches.

The cup given by Mrs. A. W. Baird for the highest number of credits and the greatest advance in all other departments will be awarded to First Church (Shreveport) Y. P. M. S. Ruston Orphanage and Mansfield deserve honorable mention and have always been found faithful and loyal in their work.

If you haven't a mission study class, buy your books before you leave this meeting and organize as soon as you go home. This is the time of all times to study the affairs of the kingdom, that we may be the better able to do our part in the great days that lie before the church.

Have you a Christian Service Flag in your church? If you haven't one, order it from Smith & Lamar, or make one. Hang this flag in your church; let the young people know

that you are praying for volunteers from their ranks. The Centenary Bulletin says, "The aims of the Centenary demand an army of workers which must be recruited within five years. Africa calls for 18, Brazil for 73, China for 83, Cuba for 12, Japan for 59, Korea for 59, and Mexico for 15.

Our government organized a mighty army by the selective draft. Could we not select the choicest young people in our church, fix our prayer and thought upon them and guide them into this great service?

What a happy consummation it would be if the stars on the service flag of America could all be transferred to the service flag of the coming world kingdom! Young man, young woman, what will you do with the gift of life? Will you not plant one bright star for Him on the Centenary Service Flag?

Mrs. W. T. CUNNINGHAM,

First Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

In very commonplace surroundings, I found a very simple, yet beautiful lesson. In a barnyard—just a plain old Dominica hen sang the sweetest, loudest song I ever heard from chicken tongue. She sang from early morn till late at eve, so proud of her responsibility—that of teaching her little brood how to live and be happy. You could not visit that place without hearing "Sukey's" strong, loud call to her chicks to follow where she led them. Somehow, I thought instinctively of Mr. Lowell's sweet words:

"He sings to the wide world, and she to her nest;

In the nice ear of nature, which song is the best?"

What greater privilege can come to a woman than to be the mother or friend of children, and yet how careless the best of us are about our opportunities? I tell you my mother heart was stirred within me when I saw that plain old hen so mindful of her brood, so careful to lead them out into the light and sunshine, so careful to scratch away what might be of harm to them, leaving just the pure, clean food so necessary to life and growth. O mother heart of our great

Church, does this little lesson from the barnyard bring regret to you, that perhaps during the past year many of us have been singing our sweetest songs to the wide world (and how great this need has been, too), and forgetting to sing to the little brood entrusted to us, the song of love, service and sacrifice, that children must learn if they are to be true followers of Him who went about doing good?

Have we forgotten that when the whole world was lost in sin a little child came?

“There’s a song in the air,
There’s a star in the sky—
There’s a mother’s deep prayer,
And a baby’s low cry, * * *
And the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King.”

And do we remember that when this child had grown to manhood, and had become a great leader, he placed an inestimable value upon the child life, lifted the children to his arms, and blessed them? And again when his disciples were troubled as to who should be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he called a little child unto Him, and said, “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven?” So in this great day of reconstruction, when the whole world has a glimpse of a new and better day, the secret of the future is in the heart of the child, just as sure as the hope of the world clung about that Child two thousand years ago. And only as we place our children in the midst of our thought and hearts can we hope to conserve the moral and spiritual gains of the war. The cry of the world to-day is “Conserve the child.” In our own Church, with the great Centenary Movement upon us, the secret of the future is most assuredly in the heart of the child. We must make sure that he receives from our experience of wasted time, wasted talents and wasted dollars a lesson of stewardship that will grow with him till all people everywhere shall know Christ as their Savior.

Some of our figures might show that the Children’s Work had been retarded during the past two years, when the mothers of the Church have been doing such big things for

God and humanity. But thanks to a little couplet I know, my spirit grew when I repeated it to myself—

“Give, give, give,
The more you give, the more you live.”

This assurance was gained by a report from Miss Althea Jones, our Council Superintendent of Children's Work, saying our financial gain this year had been fifty-eight per cent, and our membership gain, twenty-five per cent. But alas! we can not write such glowing figures down the line, for though we had ten new Junior organizations, and five new Baby Divisions, some of you forgot to report during all this year, and made the report of organizations fall short.

The goal set for our First Department was one hundred new babies, and we went over the top with one hundred and three new babies. But alas! for the \$100 we asked from our Baby Division, only \$48.60 has been received, but we take heart when we know this is a twenty per cent increase over last year, and we are believing that during this great year of living and giving those mothers who forgot “the others” this year will go often to the little mite box with a gift to the “least of these little ones” to be found in the “Kindergartens of the World.”

Our Standard of Excellence calls for one subscriber to our splendid paper, The Young Christian Worker for every three members. Though twenty-three of our societies attained this point of excellence, and several, one subscriber for almost every member, we are not satisfied with the subscription list, feeling that The Young Christian Worker should be in every Methodist home.

Seventeen Study Classes with three hundred and ninety-eight members are the figures representing our Third Department, but we can not tell the lessons of faith given to our children, as they studied of the belief the foreign children have in the Christian's Word and his God. Leaders, be faithful in this work, remembering that from these ranks, by these lessons, and your consecrated service, will be called the preachers, teachers and leaders of the new day.

In our Fourth Department, Sabbath observance has been brought very near to the minds and hearts of our children. One mother told me that her little daughter had reminded her very forcibly of the lessons we are having this year on Sabbath observance. One leader writes, "Our lessons on Sabbath observance have done great good. I notice a marked difference in my children."

Many have done well where few have failed, and we believe that our Church has realized as never before that we are to place our children in the midst of all that is lovely and pure and of good report. As leaders of the Children's Work, let us resolve to be very faithful to this work entrusted to us.

"O voice of God, we hear Thee above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes round about us and the message is sublime;
No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay
When God commands obedience, and love has led the way."

Our report in figures is as follows:

Baby Divisions	24
Added this year	5
Baby members	287
Added this year	103
Promoted to Junior Division	9
Number of Junior Divisions	39
Added this year	10
Number of members	882
Life members added this year	1
Number of Young Christian Workers	315
Number of Study Classes	17
Members in classes	398
Number of Societies observing Week of Prayer	15
Number with Social Service, Local Work and Stewardship presented	27
Amount of Baby dues	\$25.75
Amount of Baby Pledge	48.60
Amount of Junior dues	141.41
Amount of Junior Pledge	329.41
Life Membership	25.00
Scholarships	188.00
Week of Prayer offering	38.41
Local work	23.40
Total	\$819.00

We have two scholarships supported by the Children's Department—Anna Lee Trosper, supported by the children of Greenwood, and Ida Chapman, supported by the children of First Church, Shreveport.

We have seventeen auxiliaries on the Honor Roll this year, namely, Alexandria, Campti, Natchitoches, Jena, Oakdale, Amite, Franklinton, Lafayette, St. Mark's Hall (New Orleans), Parker Memorial (New Orleans), Second Church, (New Orleans), Oak Ridge, Columbia, Homer, Mansfield, Greenwood, First Church (Shreveport).

Oakdale Children lead the State with 156 points, and receive the silver cup. The best in each district receiving blue ribbon and gold seal are as follows: Alexandria District—Oakdale, 156 points; Baton Rouge District—Franklinton, 92 points; Lafayette District—Lafayette, 75 points; Monroe District—Columbia, 88 points; New Orleans District—St. Mark's Hall, 110 points; Ruston District—Homer, 96 points; Shreveport District—First Church, Shreveport, 115 points.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. HARPER, Sup't Children's Work.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

Literature has been mailed to all Social Service Superintendents, but reports have been received by the Conference Superintendent from but few Adult Societies, and Young People. Of the 110 Auxiliaries in the State, 75 have reported through the year as having Social Service Committees and presenting the Quarterly Social Service Topic.

The presentation of these topics through the year has resulted in definite results, such as the prevention of Sunday parades, as well as promoting a more general observance of the Sabbath Day.

Number of Social Service Committees that did visiting among sick and strangers, 100; conducted Community Club for Negroes, 1; conducted Community Club for immigrants, 1; gave personal service in Corrective Benevolent Associations, 1.

Other Social Service work reports: Censorship of Motion Pictures; Talks on Sabbath Observance; Work among Soldiers in Camps; number of Superintendents who cooperate with First and Second Vice-Presidents in training the Young People and Children in Social Service work, 1.

MRS. W. W. HOLMES.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSION STUDY AND PUBLICITY.

I have enjoyed again getting in touch with the women of our Conference who are occupying the strategic positions in their auxiliaries of directing the mental and spiritual life of the women.

The chief emphasis is to be placed on Bible Study, meditation upon the Living Word of God, which will bring inspiration, and power to do impossible things. In these days of reconstruction, as in the trying hours so lately passed, we realize our reliance is to be upon the spiritual forces. In view of the providential trend of world affairs, the brotherliness that has resulted from the conflict, the deep concern aroused in everything that pertains to the welfare of our neighbors near and far, we should witness a great revival in this department. During the Fall, the prevalence of epidemics of disease has greatly interfered with regular meeting of classes, but now, that the Centenary books are ready, we can get to work at once and prepare ourselves for making intelligent and worthy Centenary offerings.

Your Superintendent greatly desires to hear from every auxiliary in the Conference, whether class is organized or not. Earnest and prayerful consideration will be given to each letter, believing that we can help one another by this interchange of thought.

According to statistics given me, there are 416 members of Mission Study Classes and 15 in one Bible Study; divided as follows: Alexandria District, 55, of whom 15 are for Bible Study; Baton Rouge District, 61; Lafayette District, 59; Monroe District, 51; New Orleans District, 32; Ruston District, 74; Shreveport District, 99.

Books studied are: Sons of Italy, 6; Worker and his Bible, 1; African Trail, 8; New South, 2; Women Workers in Orient, 2; Story of Years in China, 1; Comrades in Service, 1; Gospel for a Working World, 1; Heroes of Faith in Japan, 1; Old Spain in New America, 1; Path of Labor, 1; Ancient People at New Tasks, 1; Lure of Africa, 3; Japan, the Key to the East, 4.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. WYNN,
Superintendent Study and Publicity.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SUPPLIES.

Notwithstanding the unsettled condition that has existed and the numerous responsibilities that have rested upon our people, I find, in my department, more activity and prompt response to appeals for supplies with which to answer the numerous calls and supply the needs of our various institutions during the past year. I am pleased to say that, in every case where an appeal has been made to an auxiliary for a special contribution, it has met with a prompt and cheerful response.

You will notice by my report that a number of auxiliaries have made several donations, while many auxiliaries have not made any. This, I think, should not be so, and those who have not had a part in the activities of this department have lost a blessing.

I am also pleased to report an increase in the number of auxiliaries reporting boxes sent and the value of same.

Vivian should have special mention for the splendid response of the women. Ten boxes were sent to St. Mark's Hall during the year.

My report is as follows:

District—	Donations.	Number of Aux.	Value
Alexandria	9	5	\$175.10
Monroe	11	6	84.50
Ruston	10	6	208.50
Baton Rouge	8	4	50.00
Lafayette	12	8	78.25
New Orleans	14	7	323.70
Shreveport	17	9	227.75
	81	45	\$1147.80

I desire to make special mention of the promptness with which the articles necessary for Miss Randle's equipment for Christian Service in Korea were furnished.

May I also, at this time, take the occasion to thank those who have been ready in every particular to co-operate in this splendid work and to express the hope that your Superintendent of Supplies a year from now may be able to make a hundred per cent report?

MRS. H. L. BAKER.

REPORT OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, 1918.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	11
Number of Adult Members	310
Number of New Auxiliaries	1
Number Subscribers to Missionary Voice	136
Number Auxiliaries having Mission Study Classes.....	6
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.....	5
Number Auxiliaries on Honor Roll	2

The Societies on Honor Roll are Alexandria and Natchitoches.

The Specials, Alexandria, two Bible Women, Hattie Haas and Emma Owen. Lecompte, one. Money given by Mrs. Anna Cox-Lyon.

Scholarship, Bunkie, Maccie Haas.

Young People's Department.

Number Young People's Auxiliaries	4
Number Members	40
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	1

Junior Department.

Number Junior Auxiliaries	5
Number Junior Members	123
Number Baby Divisions	3
Number Members	7
Number having Mission Study Classes	3
Number observing Week of Prayer	4
Number on Honor Roll, Oakdale and Natchitoches.....	2
Total Junior Members	200
Subscribers to Young Christian Worker	66

Oakdale, Jr. Society is to be specially commended, being the only Junior Society reporting to me for four quarters, also upon the splendid work done and amount of pledge paid. This Junior Society paid something over \$50 on the pledge.

Grand total membership 530, a gain of 95 members over 1917.

Our district pledge was overpaid by something over \$50.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says: "There are just two kinds of people in the world to-day—two kinds of people on earth I mean: the people who lift and the people who lean." May we join the class of lifters and put forth our best efforts for the Centenary Movement. This will so increase our interest in humanity that we will give of our means to help make the Kingdom come on earth.

MRS. R. W. WINSTEAD.

REPORT OF BATON ROUGE DISTRICT, 1918.

In writing my report for 1918, the question comes to me: Have we done our best for the Master as He has prospered us?

While the record does not show as great a gain as I had hoped for, still it shows a keener interest and splendid service on the part of our women in the district.

Plans had been made for a campaign through the district for members and organizations, but the "influenza" prevented the drive. Had this gone through, I feel sure our district gain would have been more in organizations as well as membership.

Our largest gain has been in membership, which is about 30 per cent increase. The pledge was overpaid, and other finances show about 10 per cent increase.

As District Secretary, I want to express my appreciation for the hearty co-operation and ready response from all the women of my district. I feel we are in closer touch with each other, and, better still, are closer to our Master.

For the year 1919, pledges received already show a 20 per cent increase and some more, and I truly feel that our ladies are going forward in the work as never before, and my heart is filled with thanksgiving to our Lord, for it is a response to definite prayer that He has poured out His Spirit on this, His work.

The District Meeting was held in Amite with four societies represented; others all sent their reports. We were fortunate to have with us at this meeting our Conference President, Mrs. Niebergall, and Miss Gibson, Head Resident, St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans. Their helpful talks were much appreciated, and has been an inspiration to us all.

Number Adult Auxiliaries	10
Number Young People's Auxiliaries	1
Number Junior Auxiliaries	4

Total.....	15
One new Auxiliary organized at Gilead.	

Number Adult Members	229
Number Young People's Members	9
Number Junior Members	126

Total No. Members.....363

Number Subscribers to Voice	53
Number Subscribers to Young Christian Worker.....	7
Number Mission Study Classes	6
Number Members of Mission Study Classes	89
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.....	6
Number Auxiliaries on Honor Roll (Baton Rouge).....	1
Number Boxes Sent	4
Auxiliaries using Leaflets and Bulletins	12

MRS. C. S. STEWART, District Secretary.

REPORT OF LAFAYETTE DISTRICT, 1918.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	14
Number of Young People's	4
Number of Junior Auxiliaries	5

Total number of Auxiliaries..... 23

Number of Mission Study Classes	10
Members of Mission Study Classes	386
Number of Subscribers to Missionary Voice.....	323
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.....	4
Number of Boxes Sent out	12
Auxiliaries Sending Boxes	8

MRS. CHAS. E. FIKE, District Secretary. •

REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT.

The report that I bring you from Monroe District is not what we had hoped it would be, but the gain has been sufficient to cause us to feel encouraged. The field is truly "ripe unto harvest," and many of our good women are entering into the task with zeal and consecration; therefore we are hoping for greater things as we face this dawn of a new era.

Number Adult Auxiliaries	14
a gain of	2
Number of Members	304
increase	70

Number of Y. P. Auxiliaries (reporting)	3
Number of Members reported	41
Number of Junior Auxiliaries (reporting)	6
Number of Members reported	122
Number of Subscriptions to Voice	95
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	12
Number of Auxiliaries Paying Pledge	11
Mission Study Classes (reported)	10
Number of Mission Study Classes Y. P. (reported)	2

Eleven boxes have been reported sent. Our District needs to have a vision as to the development of Y. P. and Junior Departments of the work, the hope of the future. We are sadly deficient in this, lacking women leaders to direct the work. Otherwise our district is progressing splendidly.

MRS. JOHN C. CALHOUN,
District Secretary.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT REPORT, 1918.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries (gain 1, loss 1)	15
Y. P. Auxiliaries (loss 2)	4
Junior Auxiliaries (loss 4)	6
Total	24

Membership.

Adult Auxiliaries (increase 35)	445
Y. P. (loss 53)	32
Junior (loss 123)	147
Baby Division	18
Total	644
Subscribers to Voice	180
Young Christian Worker	60
Number of Auxiliaries presenting Stewardship	7
Mission Study Classes	4
Observing Week of Prayer	6

While it is to be regretted that the District has not made greater progress in new organizations, numbers, etc., we believe the year has been a year of progress, when conditions which have prevailed throughout almost the entire year are recalled. War work has taken all the time that could pos-

sibly be spared, and influenza did away with public gatherings for the greater part of the fall.

Certainly the financial part of the work has shown a gratifying growth along all lines. The pledge was overpaid; supplies to value of \$323 were furnished and the sum of \$770 paid locally toward support of St. Mark's Hall, in addition to work done by auxiliaries in their own local churches.

MRS. I. N. NIEBERGALL,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF RUSTON DISTRICT, 1918.

Number Adult Auxiliaries	18
Number New Auxiliaries	5
Number Adult Members	372
Number Young People's Auxiliaries	2
Number Members of Young People's Auxiliaries	35
Number Junior Auxiliaries	6
One new Auxiliary.	
Number Members Junior Auxiliaries	230
Number Baby Divisions	3
Number Members of Baby Divisions	26
Total Number Members	663
Increase	38
Number Subscribers to Missionary Voice	111
Number Subscribers to Young Christian Worker	63
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	7
Number Mission Study Classes	8
Number Members Mission Study Classes	143
Number on Honor Roll	3

Homer Adult, Homer Junior and Ruston Orphanage.

Number Donations reported	10
Specials---(Betty Martin Scholarship)	1

Again does our District show an increase in finances, and our Pledge is overpaid; and, although we did not reach our goal, we feel greatly encouraged over our year's work.

Five new Adult and one Junior Auxiliary were organized, and there is promise of more next year.

The decrease in auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer was due, I think, to the influenza epidemic so prevalent during the fall months; and, remembering the sorrow that came

to so many homes, I feel very thankful that our women have been so faithful to the work given them to do for the Master.

We held our District meeting at Arcadia, June 11th, at the same time our District Conference was in session, and presented the work of our Missionary Society to the ministers of our District.

Great help was given us by Rev. J. M. Henry, Presiding Elder for our district, and Miss Randle, outgoing missionary to Korea, who was a great inspiration.

Mrs. Morris, State Organizer, was with us, and plans were made for her visit to our District for the purpose of organizing new auxiliaries.

The women in our societies are very much interested in the Centenary Movement, and are presenting it on their programs.

I cannot close without expressing my appreciation of the support the women, young people, and children of Ruston District have given me for the past three years that I have endeavored to serve them as District Secretary.

It is with regret that I am passing my work to other hands, and I will pray God's blessing on them and my consecrated and efficient successor.

MRS. JOE R. MILLER.

REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT, 1918.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries	26
Added this year (organized 7, reorganized 2) lost.....	7
Number of Members (Adult)	646
Young People's Auxiliaries	9
Organized this year	2
Number of Members	121
Number of Junior Auxiliaries	8
Organized this year	2
Members	154
Number of Baby Auxiliaries ...	2
Number of New Auxiliaries	1
Members	37
Total Auxiliaries	43
Total Members	958

Subscribers to Voice	160
Subscribers to Young Christian Worker	28
Number Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	12
Number Auxiliaries having Mission Study Classes.....	18
Number Members Mission Study Classes.....	480
Boxes sent	15
Missionaries—First Church	1
Bible Women Supported	2

Scholarships—First Church, Adult, 1; Junior, 1. Greenwood—Adult, 1; Junior, 1. Day Schools—Mansfield, Mrs. E. A. Nabors. Houma, \$60.

MRS. ELMA DREW,
Mansfield, La.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ST. MARK'S HALL, 1918.

During the year the City Mission Board held eleven regular monthly meetings, twelve executive meetings, and one special meeting, when Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonell passed through New Orleans.

The work of the City Mission Board has not suffered during the year, despite the fact that the women were actively engaged in all sorts of war work. Each committee has done excellently.

The Sewing School has kept up the same standard of good work as done in former years by the pupils. Some of the former graduates have helped with the class work. At the closing of the school there was a creditable exhibit of work and three girls completed the course and received certificates.

The House Committee of Mary Werlein purchased some necessary kitchen articles and repaired furniture which added greatly to the comfort of the worker.

The House Committee of St. Mark's Hall contributed greatly to the beauty and comfort of the building by painting the hall, supplying rubber tips for cocoa matting strips in halls, screening porches and purchasing needed articles.

The Club and Educational Committee did much for the betterment of the neighborhood. Each missionary society was asked to contribute something in the way of entertainment at the Hall, subscriptions to Magazines or games for the children. They received one subscription to the Ladies'

Home Journal and a number of American Boys. Through this committee a vacation school was held and the services of a trained paid teacher secured. More than eighty pupils were enrolled. A number of volunteer workers was obtained, and the children were taught sewing, cooking, basketry, chair caning. As a treat, an automobile ride was arranged for the pupils on the closing day.

The Domestic Science classes have been largely attended. Recently a kitchen garden department has been organized.

Mr. Henry Ahrens was a welcome visitor. Just coming from the meeting of the committee of One Hundred which met in Memphis to plan for the great missionary Centenary, he had much to tell of that great meeting.

Inasmuch as Dr. E. L. King, who has rendered such valuable service to our work, had been called to the colors, the Board offered resolutions of appreciation. A service flag with three stars was presented, and an appropriate celebration was arranged for July 4th, in which our President, Mrs. J. B. Parker, made the presentation speech, and Dr. King received the flag.

A communication from the Social Service Department of the Louisiana Avenue Missionary Society, asking the cooperation of the City Mission Board in getting a law passed regulating the hours of those firms employing men and women on Sunday, so as to give each one an opportunity to attend service in their respective churches, was read. The Board heartily endorsed the paper.

A letter from the Department of the Interior as to using St. Mark's Hall as a central place to teach English to the foreign-born men who were liable to be drafted was read. Realizing the great opportunity this would give to the work, the matter was placed in the hands of a committee.

For the first time in the history of the work there is a worker at St. Mark's who gives her entire time to work among the boys. This splendid department is already changing things in the neighborhood, and will have a telling influence on future generations.

Many demands were made upon the workers during the epidemic of influenza, but they were equal to the strain, believing that "as thy days so shall thy strength be." The workers made as many as 200 calls in a single week when the epidemic was at its height. The coming of the Centenary with the proposal of a new building and proper equipment has been an inspiration and an incentive to "Go Forward."

HELEN GIBSON.

IN MEMORIAM

Alexandria District.

MRS. J. H. EDWARDS	Alexandria, La.
MRS. J. J. ELLINGTON	Alexandria, La.
MRS. CHARLES E. HAAS	Bunkie, La.
MRS. B. N. JOHNSON	DeRidder, La.
MISS HATTIE CAMERON	Colfax
MRS. JOHN G. BREWER	LeCompte
MRS. J. T. SANDLIN	Natchitoches, La.
MRS. W. C. CALDWELL	Oakdale, La.

New Orleans District.

MRS. CHARLOTTE ALTHAUSE	Carrollton Avenue
MRS. W. H. LaPRADE	Life Member, Rayne Memorial
MRS. J. H. KIRKWOOD	Parker Memorial
MRS. ELDERMAN	Louisiana Avenue
MRS. JAY	Louisiana Avenue
MRS. A. A. BRECKENRIDGE	Louisiana Avenue

Ruston District.

MISS IDA NELSON	Haughton
MRS. FRANK PRICE	Ruston
MRS. H. N. HARPER	Ruston
MRS. J. H. KIRKPATRICK	Ruston

Lafayette District.

MRS. J. ALTON FOSTER	
MRS. CHARLES MOORE	
MISS RACHEL SNYDER	
MRS. J. A. SUMMERS	Abbeville
MRS. T. H. WATKINS	

Baton Rouge District.

MRS. J. A. ROSS	Hammond, La.
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Shreveport District.

MRS. GUY SAMPLE	
MRS. DOROTHY CHEESMAN	

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

The work at the mission has gone forward, we think, weathering the discouragements incident to a shifting Protestant element and the opposition from the predominating Catholics.

The gospel services held twice a week are attended in an encouraging way. Those who come seem to take pride and interest in the mission. It is a place where they do not feel embarrassed because of shabby clothes. More than 30 have joined the church this past year.

Our Sunday school, enrolling sixty-seven children, is the most interesting feature of our work. Three of our older Sunday school girls were converted last spring and are now in Vashti School, making good. Two of them came from Catholic homes. All of them were working in the mill and had only gone to the third grade in school.

Our people take great pride and pleasure in the boys and girls "off at school." Seven of our girls are in Vashti, two in other schools, seven little boys in Industrial School, four in orphanage and two in private homes. They all seem to be happily placed. The mothers are very grateful to Mr. Thomas and those who make the going possible. In most cases the children are taken from surroundings where the influences are most undesirable.

Our Woman's Missionary Society of about seventeen members, all of whom either support the family or work in the home, have paid ten dollars in dues this first quarter and have pledged thirty-six dollars for the year.

In our mothers' meeting we have Bible lesson twice a month and a social evening once. We were so happy to have taken five of our mothers into the church the past year.

Visiting is my chief work and even a friendly visit means much sometimes. I meet some very interesting people. One drizzly day I met a bareheaded child and asked if she went to Sunday school. On finding they were Protestants, I asked her to take me to her home. They lived in basement rooms of a rickety old house; the old grandmother, partially

paralyzed, was taking care of the small children; the husband and wife were working in the mill. After we had visited awhile, and read from the Bible and prayed, she shook hands with me, and, with tears in her eyes, said: "Now, if you will come to see us and be our friend, it won't be so hard to stay." I found the family honest country people, who had moved about until they had lost everything. They had not been to church since coming to the city. After a few weeks the whole family was coming to the mission, and were happy in their new church association.

We find it necessary to give some relief — groceries, clothing, rent, etc. Friends of the mission have been most kind to see that the needs were met. We are enabled to put —or keep, as the case may be — children in public schools with the clothing and money sent us. We usually have to supplement the wardrobe of the boys and girls sent away to school. Our mothers enjoyed the splendid Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the mission—thanks to our friends. We have bought four or five comforts and blankets. One family of eight had one sheet, two quilts and a small blanket as their supply for bedding. We appreciate the nice quilts sent us in the donations.

We have received donations of money and boxes this winter from: Franklinton, \$10; Carrollton, \$5 and Harvest Day offering; Amite, La., box and \$3; Ponchatoula, bag of potatoes and \$5; Baton Rouge, box.

It seems to me that our greatest present need is a housekeeper, or someone to keep the mission open all day each day. We cannot hope to meet the needs of the people until this can be done. We need very much another worker, if the work grows, as it should. Then, as always, we need clothing, shoes, bedding, groceries and money. And we want some auxiliaries to take Mary Werlein Mission as their prayer special, that souls may be saved.

AILETHA GRAHAM.

FRENCH MISSION FIELD WORK FOR 1918.

Ella K. Hooper and Laura M. White, Workers.

The first full year of our work in the French Mission field has come to a close. It has been an eventful year and one rich in opportunities and blessings.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The great need of the French field is for the knowledge of God's Word, which alone quickeneth and giveth light. The greatest emphasis, therefore, has been on the effort to "teach the Word" in clubs, classes, missionary societies, and other organizations, and to individuals and families. Three Sunday school classes, three regular Bible classes, one family class, one four days' institute, and one teacher-training class for Bible memory work constitute the regular Bible teaching undertaken. The Bible Success Band booklets were used extensively, and about twenty young people began at the first of the year memorizing one verse a day. This was new and difficult, and only six or eight chapters were perfectly committed, but a good foundation has been laid for better work another year. At the beginning of the year few Bibles were owned by our people, not always even one in a family. More than two dozen have been bought for or given through our solicitation during the past twelve months, and some have formed the habit of daily reading. One great difficulty is that among the new converts not more than 5 per cent above fourteen years of age can read or write in either French or English. One new Sunday school has been organized with an enrollment of fifty-five, and no member of this school can read at sight a single verse of Scripture.

Educational. — Hundreds of tracts and Gospel leaflets have been distributed and many books, periodicals and magazines given and lent during the year. Schoolbooks have been used to good advantage, and some work has been done to reach those beyond school age to read and write.

Relief Work. — The Missionary Societies of the State have been generous in sending boxes of clothing and other

articles for distribution, and seeing that these reach the people most in need has been not an unimportant phase of the year's work.

Nursing. — The influenza epidemic here, as elsewhere, upset all plans for the last quarter, but it brought also new opportunities. Conditions in the country sections were beyond description. One often found seven or eight sick people in one room, three and four to the bed, or the mattress, and no sheets, towels or pillow-cases, and only a heavy soiled quilt for covering. Ignorance, fear and superstition made matters worse, but a friendly visitor, though a stranger, who brings comfort and help, wins the hearts of the people, and we were enabled to help many during the trying times of the epidemic.

The Home.—The Mission Home established in Houma continues to be the strongest factor in reaching the people. An effort is made to have it as nearly as possible an ideal Christian home—simple, comfortable, attractive, and Christ honored as the head. The women and girls from the country districts feel free to come whenever they wish. Many spend one or more days with us, and others stop in for a little visit whenever they come to town. Many features of the home life are a revelation to them, and lessons in sanitation, in practical Christian living, in the preparation and service of meals, and other important features are learned more easily and thoroughly than could otherwise be possible.

We have had in the Home this year five different girls who lived with us and attended the public school. To these we gave careful instruction in housekeeping; cooking, and other practical arts, as well as Bible training, and the opportunity for an education. The girls learn rapidly, and one sees marked changes in their homes after every visit made to them.

Mrs. White was called away during November because of the illness of her sister, and could not return until the middle of February. Her absence left the bulk of the work on one worker's shoulders, and, of course, a portion of it had to be left undone. In spite of this handicap and the miser-

ably bad winter, the work has been kept alive. Since the opening of the year an organization of the young people in Houma has been effected on interdenominational lines, and this promises good things for these young folks. We have fashioned on Christian Endeavor plans, as this society is organized for co-work in the different evangelical denominations, and we need here greatly the strength that comes from union.

Statistics—

Children induced to enter public schools.....	3
Helped with books and clothes	80
Books in library	75
Books loaned	236

Church Work—

Sunday schools affiliated with the work.....	4
Enrollment—total	225
Regular Sunday school classes	3
Total enrollment of three classes	37
Cottage prayer-meetings attended	34
Church prayer-meetings attended	77
Church services attended during year	275

Rélief Work—

Garments distributed	534
Value of food given out	\$8.00
Families helped in this way	25

Visits—

Number of visits made	1366
Guests entertained	730
Homes touched	(about) 200
Miles traveled	6046

We have co-operated with Red Cross work and the work of the Suffrage Club in this place, and we are members of the recently organized Women's Federated Work of Houma. Much of our work has necessarily been with individuals, and is difficult to classify.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION STUDY.

1. That we begin, at once, the study of one of the Centenary study books.

2. That we pass on our used study books to auxiliaries not yet awakened to the necessity for information and foster this work by our prayers and occasional visits.

3. That we urge every Auxiliary—adult, young people and children—to send items of interest quarterly to Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Editor Woman's Page, New Orleans Christian Advocate.

4. That we plan to present annually the Mission Study work in an open meeting on Sunday at one of the regular services, if possible.

5. That special effort be made to get every woman to subscribe to the Missionary Voice, because it is indispensable to a full comprehension of the Council's plans; that every child in the connection be given an opportunity to read the Young Christian Worker.

6. That we deplore the failure of so many to use the Bulletin and leaflets with their wealth of valuable fresh news of our workers.

7. Knowing our desperate need of the strength that comes from constant Communion with God through his Word, we emphasize the value of regular Bible Study.

8. That we avail ourselves more generally of space in daily and weekly newspapers.

MRS. R. H. WYNN,
Chairman and Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

We recommend:

1. The appointment of a Social Service Committee in each auxiliary whose duty shall be to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the programs outlined, and to study conditions in their own community, so as to present the topic at the regular meeting in the last month of each quarter, and direct the forces of the auxiliary.

2. That the splendid programs for March, June, Sep-

tember, and December, "Making Democracy Safe," be given a practical application as far as possible to community needs.

3. That the Presidents of the auxiliaries lend their assistance to the Social Service Superintendents in carrying out these programs and sending reports to Conference Superintendent promptly each quarter.

4. That the Social Service Committee be the connecting link between the society and any reform movement and constructive project in the community.

5. That the Social Service Committee endeavor to educate public opinion up to the point of insisting on the enforcement of such laws as are already on the statute books which look to the moral and social betterment of our people.

6. That the Social Service Committee co-operate with other agencies in finding employment and in creating a wholesome environment for our returning soldier boys.

7. That wherever practical a Negro woman's community club be organized, using the programs prepared by the Woman's Missionary Council.

8. That the Social Service Committee continue its work in censoring moving pictures with a view to securing clean dramatic material.

9. That the Social Service Committee recognize that the closing of the saloons on July 1 will take from the men of the community a social center which opens an opportunity for us that should not be neglected.

MRS. JNO. B. PARKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We recommend:

1. That the duty of tithing be earnestly presented and every member urged to adopt this plan of giving.

2. That we make our financial goal for the year, \$18,000.

3. That our undirected pledge be \$8,000 and our directed pledge be \$1,575, a total of \$9,575.

4. That the budget plan be adopted and that the envelope system for collecting offerings be used.

5. That the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer continue the solicitation of pledges until each auxiliary member has made a response and give every woman in the church an opportunity to have a share in the offering.

6. That the first meeting in January be observed by each auxiliary as pledge day, and that a pledge card be placed in the hand of every member.

7. That all finances be paid in full by Harvest Day.

MRS.. CARTER

MRS. BOWMAN

MRS. GORMAN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME BASE.

1. In planning the work for the Missionaries, we urge the women to enter heartily into the Centenary plans, presenting the three great teachings of the movement—Intercession, Sewardship, and Life Service.

2. We urge all districts to bring the auxiliaries up to the highest point of efficiency in: a, organization; b, spiritual life; c, intelligence; d, gifts.

3. That “a rally the membership” movement be inaugurated in every auxiliary to enlist the indifferent members.

4. In striving to make the 15 per cent increase along all lines, we set ourselves to win in each district: a, 2 adult, 1 young peoples, 1 Junior, 1 Baby Division; b, 10 boxes from 10 auxiliaries; c, 10 auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer; d, all finances paid in full by Harvest Day; e, all auxiliaries doing definite work for the foreigner or the negro.

5. That each auxiliary give a Missionary program in near-by unorganized churches and try to effect an organization where there are as many as three interested women.

6. The Standard of Excellence for the Roll of Honor faithfully worked for will prove of real value to the life of the auxiliary. The points should be kept before the women constantly.

MRS. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.

MRS. C. E. FIKE, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your committee on supplies submits the following recommendations:

1. Because the work of our missions and training school is often handicapped by want of supplies and equipment, we urge that the auxiliaries lay on their hearts the need of these institutions then replenishing their own households and when preserving the fruits which our Father has so bountifully given, to tithe for His work and workers.

2. That our goal for the year be at least one box from ten auxiliaries in each district.

3. That the superintendent of supplies in each auxiliary acquaint herself with the needs of the institution to which her district is to send supplies and that she shall report each box and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

4. That the clothing be sent in good condition and that boxes be carefully packed. That a card be sent to the deaconess in charge of the mission and that the name and address of the sender be on each box.

5. That boxes for the Mary Werlein Mission be sent any time between October 1st and June 1st.

6. That New Orleans, Shreveport and Baton Rouge Districts send boxes to St. Mark's Hall, Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess. Alexandria and Monroe Districts, Mary Werlein Mission, Aletha Graham, Deaconess. Ruston and Lafayette Districts, Scarritt Training School, Miss M. L. Gibson, Kansas City, Mo., and French Mission, Houma, La., Miss Ella Hooper, Deaconess.

MRS. H. L. BAKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

We believe in the Religious Press and its fidelity to the Church. We believe that the women of the church need the denominational organs and other church literature. Much printed propaganda is being circulated now by organized and unorganized forces of evil; our children are reading it when

we or they least expect it. Our church papers set themselves to contradict and offset these influences.

A woman who reads much of Missionary literature always grows to be a big woman in Missionary ways. Let us this year increase the number of subscriptions greatly to the Missionary Voice, a well-spring of Missionary knowledge, and our Young Christian Worker, a paper with a real meaning both for children and grown-ups.

Will you women of Louisiana help to make our page in the Advocate better by reading it and sending contributions in the way of items of interest, or sometime perhaps, a contributed article on subjects dear to our Missionary hearts?

MRS. J. G. SNELLING, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing that the young people are the future leaders of our Missionary work, and that the Centenary call is for 500 workers from the ranks of our young people in the Church, we, therefore, recommend:

1. That in every congregation where there are as many as six young people, an effort be made to organize them into a Y. P. M. L.

2. In view of the fact that our Church has launched a great Centenary Missionary Movement, we recommend that the young people heartily co-operate in this celebration and pledge themselves to assume their share of the responsibility in this great campaign.

3. That at each meeting of the young people there be definite prayer for volunteers and that a Christian Service Flag be placed in every church as a silent appeal for prayer and service.

4. That the privilege and blessing of Christian Stewardship be impressed upon every young person and that an earnest effort be made to raise our Conference pledge of \$250, to be applied to the objects designated by the Council—Brazil and Mexico.

5. Realizing that the 112 First Vice Presidents in our Conference and only 26 Y. P. M. L. are not the proportion in

numbers that we should have, we recommend that the month of June be set apart and known throughout our Conference as campaign month for the young people, when special and united effort be made to organize new societies and to enliven the interest of the young people in the missionary work of the Church.

6. That each adult auxiliary consider their organization incomplete without a Junior and Y. P. M. S., and that by prayer and effort these departments may be organized.

7. That we increase the efficiency of our work by reporting correctly and on time, by making use of all literature provided, and by striving always to attain the Standard of Excellence. That each society make at least one contribution a quarter to the Advocate column.

8. That each Y. P. M. S. take as their slogan for the year: The organization of at least one other Y. P. M. S.

MRS. W. T. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

We recommend:

1. That we receive with hearty co-operation our splendid Year Book and the Leader's Supplement, which is sent to us each quarter, and that we give our most earnest efforts in directing the topics for the year:

Missionary Topics: "The Centenary of Missions."

Social Service Topics: "Making the World Safe."

Bible Topics: "Intercession and Stewardship."

2. That wherever possible a "Mother's Club" be formed and instructive information be given on the children's work and the "Specials," using every method to educate the mothers with the children in financing the work of the child for the Kingdom of God.

3. That we continue the use of the Missionary Catechism and endeavor to place it in the hands of the children, mothers, and Sunday school teachers, and same be used as a text-book throughout the year. (Price 5 cents.)

4. The use of the pledge card, and that the children

with the help of their mothers after prayerful consideration make the pledge together.

5. That we make our pledge this year \$500—\$425 to be the Junior Pledge to be directed to Junior Special, “Japanese Work,” and \$75 to be the Baby Division Pledge, directed to “Kindergardens of the World.”

6. That all second vice-presidents be careful in the use of the promotion certificates, making the children feel the importance of growing from one division to the next.

7. That we receive with gratitude the long-needed Record Books, and pledge ourselves to use them with care.

8. A careful study of the Standard of Excellence, and that this be enlarged and kept before the children, and that they be encouraged to strive diligently to win the Nellie Gehagan Memorial Cup, given by Mrs. O. P. Gehagan of Shreveport, and that executive meetings be held quarterly, at which time the young officers shall be instructed in their work.

MRS. R. H. HARPER, Chairman.

HONOR ROLL

1919.

Adult—Alexandria, Natchitoches, Baton Rouge, Mansfield, Shreveport.

Young People—Ruston Orphanage, Mansfield, First Church, Shreveport; Rayne.

Juniors—Alexandria, Campti, Natchitoches, Jena, Oakdale, Amite, Franklinton, Lafayette, St. Mark’s Hall, Parker Memorial, Second Church, Oakridge, Columbia, Homer.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE—ADULT.

Adult Auxiliaries—	Credits
1. Each new member	1
2. Average attendance at each meeting equal to one-half of the membership	5
3. Dues paid in full and Conference Expense Fund paid by each member	10
4. Conference pledge paid to date	10

5. Monthly Bulletin presented—program on the monthly topic and prayers for the work and workers once a month 5
 6. Subscribers to the Missionary Voice equal to one-half the membership 5
 7. Week of Prayer observed 5
 8. Young People's Societies organized by First Vice President 10
 9. Children organized under Second Vice President:
 - (a) Baby Division 5
 - (b) Junior Division 5
 10. Bible study class 5
 11. Mission study 5
 12. All reports mailed to Conference officers by the first day of each quarter 5
 13. Regular work done by Social Service Committee.... 10
 14. Representation at Annual and District meetings.... 10
- (Any auxiliary whose reports show that it is entitled to 75 credits will be placed on the Honor Roll. Keep this list and send to the District Secretary at the close of the last quarter of the year.)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

	Credits.
1. Each Mission Study Class	10
2. Each Bible Study Class	10
3. Prompt and accurate quarterly reports	10
4. One delegate to Annual Conference Meeting	10
5. Two delegates to District Meeting	10
6. Each new member	1
7. Membership offering paid for every member.....	20
8. Contribution to Council Pledge	10
9. Retirement and Relief Fund paid	10
10. Conference Expense Fund paid	10

An auxiliary must have a total of at least 91 credits in order to be given a place on the Roll of Honor. Each auxiliary attaining this standard by the end of 1919 will be awarded a ribbon bearing the words "Roll of Honor, 1919."

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

Junior Division—	Credits
Each new member	1
Average attendance at each meeting of one-half the membership	10
Regular monthly offering	20
Contribution to Council pledge	20
Each Mission Study Class	20
One subscriber to Young Christian Worker for every three members	10
Week of Prayer observed	10
Promotion exercises from the Baby Division to the Junior Division	5
(Any auxiliary making seventy-five points is entitled to a place on the Honor Roll and will receive a Certificate of Honor.)	

LOUISIANA MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Appoint-
ment.

Home Address.	Field.	Field Address.
ST. MARK'S HALL, NEW ORLEANS.		

1908..Deaconess Helen Gibson,

Head Resident	Kentucky.....	Louisiana.....	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
Bertie Breeden.....	Virginia.....	Louisiana.....	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
Cora Godat	Louisiana.....	Louisiana.....	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
Lydia Ricke	Minnesota.....	Louisiana.....	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
Deaconess Aletha Graham...	Mary Werlein Mis...	Louisiana.....	Tchoupitoulas St., Mary Werlein Mission

FRENCH MISSION FIELD.

1—Deaconess Ella Hooper....	1917..Houma.....	Louisiana.....	Houma, La.
2—Mrs. Laura M. White.....	1917..Houma.....	Louisiana.....	Houma, La.
Rena Murphy	1915..Virginia.....	Louisiana.....	First Church, Shreveport

IN SERVICE IN OTHER STATES.

1910..Deaconess Mary Daniel	Opelousas, La.....	Wesley House.....	Dallas, Texas
1912..Deaconess Eliza Iles	Dry Creek, La.....	First M. E. Church....	Beaumont, Texas

NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

1889..Miss Sallie M. Phillips	Homer, La.....	.....	.....
1904..Mrs. Brown.....	New Orleans, La.	.....	.....
1918..Mrs. Nellie O'Berne.....	Zwolle, La.....	New York Y. W. Work	

SPECIALS SUPPORTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

Name.	Date taken	Place	Supported by
1—Miss Helen Johnston....	1916..	Collegio, Brazil	Louisiana Conference
2—Miss Anna B. Williams....	1918..	Japan	First Church, Shreveport
3—Miss Pauline Randall....	1918..	Christian Hospital, Wonsan, Korea.	New Orleans District
DAY SCHOOLS.			
1—Mary Virginia Nabors....	1913..	Wusih School, Soochow, China	Mrs. E. A. Nabors, Mansfield
2—Cox Lyon	1914..	Sunkiang, China	Mrs. Anna Cox-Lyon, Meeker
BIBLE WOMEN.			
1—Nannie Battle	1899..	Davidson Mem. School, Soochow, China...	First Church, Shreveport
2—Dorothy Wilmot	1901..	Laurel Haygood School, Soochow, China...	Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, New Orleans
3—Priscilla Bentley	1908..	Alice Cobb Bible School, Wonsan, Korea...	Carrollton Ave. Aux., New Orleans
4—Hattie Haas	1912..	Pyang Kong Circuit, Seoul, Korea...	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Alexandria
5—Emma Owen	1913..	Huchow, China	Owen S. S. Class, Alexandria
6—Faunie Newsome	1916..	Hays-Wilkins School, Sunkiang, China...	Longstreet Auxiliary
7—Ida Anderson	1918..	China	Gleaners Aux., Shreveport

STATION PLAN.

3 Shares	1913..	Alice Cobb Bible Woman's School, Wonsan, Korea	Mrs. I. G. Gayden, Gurley, La.
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SCHOLARSHIPS.

1—Lee Dicks	1899..	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea.	Rayne Mem. Y. P. Aux., New Orleans
2—Marguerite Crain	1899..	Virginia School, Huchow, China	First Church Aux., Shreveport
3—Belle O'Pry	1905..	Mary Keener Ins., Mexico City	Rayne Mem. Aux., New Orleans
4—Bettie Martin	1906..	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Mrs. N. R. Grigsby, Minden
5—Sara Burton	1908..	Piraciaba, Brazil	Crowley Aux.
6—Mae Haas	1912..	Choon Chun, Korea	Mrs. Roy Harrison, Bunkie
7—Frances Howell	1913..	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Greenwood Aux.
8—Anna Trosper	1913..	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Greenwood, Jr., Aux.
9—Ida Lee Chapman	1916..	Soochow, China	First Church, Shreveport, Jr.
STUDENT AT ATHENS COLLEGE, ATHENS, ALA.			
		Miss Clara Chalmers	New Orleans
		Miss Bernice Buck	Lake Charles

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each district, and the following officers: A President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The First Vice-President shall have charge of the

young people's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice-President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Council and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship and shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mission study and Bible study and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer and service and by paying twenty cents per month.

Each member shall be asked to make a voluntary offering for the maintenance and extension of the general work. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary

by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

6. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

7. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

8. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

9. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice-President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice-President of the Conference.

The Second Vice-President shall develop and direct the work of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice-President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. A., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

STANDING RULES.

1. Application for all specials shall be made through the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

2. The Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretary when the money is in hand to meet specials, specifying by whom paid.

3. The following items shall have a permanent place in the Conference Minutes:

(a) The address and price of "The Missionary Voice" and "The Young Christian Worker."

(b) The specials supported by the Louisiana Conference W. M. S. Wherever there are as many as six young people in any Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

(c) All organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

(d) Our young people shall be urged and encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for young people.

(e) Good Friday shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields.

(f) All Conferences shall adopt for their specials for

young people those named by the Council from year to year.

(g) Members of the Council at large, in giving pledges for their Conferences, shall give those of the young people separately from those of the Adult Society.

(h) Every Conference shall be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational address on "Young People's Missionary Work."

(i) One afternoon of the Week of Prayer of the adult auxiliaries shall be given to the young people.

(j) The offering given the afternoon devoted to the Young People's Work during the Week of Prayer shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society.

(k) October shall be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.

(l) The specials named by the Council for the Young People and Children.

(m) The names and addresses of Conference Students in Scarritt.

(n) The Mission Study Course for adult, young people and children's societies, price and publishers.

(o) The Constitution for adult, young people and children's societies.

(p) A list of the officers and managers of The Woman's Missionary Council.

4. At each Annual and District Meeting, public collections shall be taken for the Conference work.

5. The Conference Treasurer shall advance to the Conference Corresponding Secretary \$15.00 per quarter for office expenses.

6. All Auxiliaries shall hold their business meetings the first week of the month.

7. Auxiliaries shall use the Installation Service provided by the Woman's Missionary Council for Adults and Young People at the first meeting after the election of officers, or in connection with service of installing officers of entire Church.

8. An editor and an associate editor, both living in the

same town, shall be appointed by the chair to arrange and print the Conference Minutes.

9. The Conference and Council Minutes shall be used by the Auxiliaries throughout the year. An Institute on the Minutes shall be a part of each District Meeting.

10. That in addition to the regular dues of 20 cents per month, each member be taxed 5 cents per month to provide a Conference Expense, Retirement and Relief fund.

11. That each auxiliary pay \$4 for the Scarritt Loan Fund.

12. That a Children's Missionary Society be organized in every Church in our Conference if possible.

13. That a strong effort be made to place the Young Christian Worker in the homes of all the children of the Church.

14. That one day of the Week of Prayer be given to the children, and a special program be prepared for them.

15. That at each District and Annual Meeting, an hour be given to the work of the Children's Department, and

16. That the children be kept in touch with the Specials assigned them by the Council.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of ———— Church, auxiliary to ———— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Anyone between the ages of fourteen and twenty-

one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial fund by the gift of fifteen dollars for this specific purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice-President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice-President shall assist the Second Vice-President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the cor-

responsibility of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles, and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the Missionary Voice and the Young Christian Worker. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall co-operate wherever possible in the social service movements of her Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them

habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice-President. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice-President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice-President of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years, shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice-President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's

Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. These officers, with the Second Vice-President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice-President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice-President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice-President shall be agent for the Young Christian Worker.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the Young Christian Worker and local papers.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in directing the children in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council.

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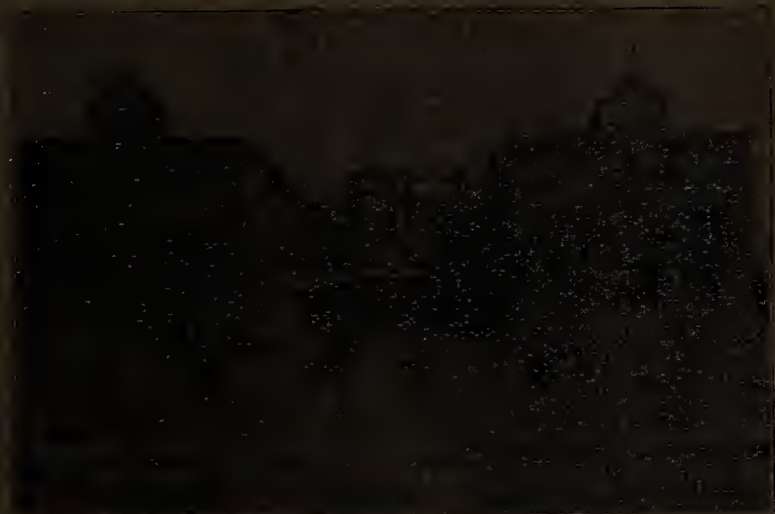
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